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## FOREWORD



IN the history of a family, it is necessary to deal with statistics; statistics are dry as dust, as a general thing, yet they incorporate events that have their being in history.

Your Historian has endeavored to place before you such matter only as seems essential to a full knowledge of the line from which you have descent, and, at the same time to bring you in touch with all that the Society has done and hopes to accomplish which will be of interest and benefit to all in whose veins flows the blood of Robert and Mary Bartlet, whether affiliated with this Society or not.

Your Historian furthermore hopes that this little pamphlet may prove of some interest to that vast army of persons seeking to establish certain family data along their own lines, and with this desire, personal and impersonal, she submits the following report.

MARIAN LONGFELLOW,

*Historian*, Society Descendants of Robert  
Bartlet, of Plymouth, Massachusetts,  
Inc.



Ermina Bartlett Suhanek  
Secy. and Treas.

Charles H. Bartlett.  
1st. Vice President



John Albert Bartlett.  
2d Vice-President



Mrs. Marian Longfellow  
Historian

# HISTORY

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ISTORY is a stern mistress; she exacts the best; she demands the truth and nothing but the truth. When false entries are made upon her scroll, either by intention or through lack of that qualification which forever stamps the real historian, such entries are fortunately in the long run doomed to fall from her record.

In no way is history more sure of perpetuation than in careful genealogy. Therefore, this country owes a debt of gratitude to the genealogist, and should encourage in every possible way the formation of genealogical societies. Many are the sins of the average genealogist; many the crimes committed against truth by those whose work is careless and inadequate, through omission as well as commission; but the greatest of these is the sin of inaccuracy. The active evil of *incorrect statements* far outstrips the passive evil of omission of facts.

If I were to give advice to the aspirant for work in genealogical fields I should urge *Festina lente* (make haste slowly), for nothing can compensate for an inaccurate entry! Better, a thousand times, leave the page blank, whereon at some future day the trained genealogist may inscribe the truth, than place an error upon its virgin page, an error almost certain to be perpetuated and to lead the searcher after truth astray.

History keeps alive the memory of those whose virtues it inscribes; the course of the nation which is "the survival of the fittest," and holds it up for admiration and emulation. Likewise it stamps for all time that nation which has gone down in shame, like a star lost from the firmament, although the individual offender is in many cases forgotten. We deal in this report with the lives of our ancestors Robert Bartlet and Mary Warren his wife; their forbears and their posterity.

The name of Bartelot or Barttelot, is of such antiquity, historians say, that it is shrouded in the mists of time.

Robert Bartlet of Massachusetts came of a long and honorable line.



The first of the family was Adam Barttelot, an esquire in the retinue of Brian, a knight, and they came into England with William the Conqueror, and fought at Hastings. Both were granted lands. In the fifteenth century, a castle appears as the crest of the coat-of-arms which was granted by Edward the Black Prince to John Barttelot, for taking the castle of Fontenoy, in France. In the sixteenth century, a swan was added, and granted by the Garter King of Arms. Since that time, the crest is double, a castle and a swan.

The original coat-of-arms of the family was three open, left-hand, falconer's gloves, with golden tassels about the wrist. The coat-of-arms now in use is very elaborate, representing the quarterings, different coats-of-arms of families, who have intermarried with the Barttelots.



BARTLETT COAT-OF-ARMS

*Original.* — Shield *sable* or black with three falconer's sinister gloves pendent, *argent* or white, bands tasselled gold or yellow—arranged triangularly, two at top, one at bottom.

*Crests.* — A swan, *argent* or white, couched with her wings expanded in dorso; a castle with three TURRETS, *sable*.

*Motto.* — MATURE — In good time.

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Previous to 1700 there were at least twenty-three emigrants of the name of Bartlet. Robert, the ancestor with whom we are concerned, was the first, and came to Plymouth in 1623, in the good ship *Ann*. He died in 1676, aged seventy-three. His descendants are numerous. Richard came to Newbury previous to 1635 and died in 1647, aged about seventy-two. John went to Newport, R. I., and became a freeman in 1638.

As a family the Bartletts were noted as thrifty, prudent, and desirable citizens, we are told. One hundred and thirty are on the rolls of American colleges; they have been conspicuous in law, divinity, and medicine, the army, and the navy. The army claims eighty-six as commissioned officers during the Civil War.

Robert Bartlet's forbears made history; his descendants cherish his memory and strive to emulate his virtues. He married, in due time, Mary, daughter of Richard Warren, himself a descendant of a long and honorable line. Richard Warren had royal blood in his veins; his own wife was so pure, so high-minded, so noble, that the strain of royalty held a second place. Thus from Robert Bartlet and Mary Warren came a line which the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass. is striving by every means in its power to honor, to emulate, and to publish to the world.

In the report of the One Hundred and Sixtieth Anniversary of the Second Congregational Church, on November 9, 1896, we learn that "it was at Manomet Ponds, Manomet, or South Plymouth, that the first white settlement previous to 1639 was established. This infant settlement was a part of the Plymouth Rock settlement, for some ninety years, and its religious affiliations were still there, but in 1731 it became a separate district, under the name of the Second Precinct, although not so incorporated actually until 1810. Joseph Bartlet, son of Robert, was its first clerk. The name of Bartlet figures in all the affairs of this settlement, eleven of that name holding the office of moderator.

"When the Pilgrims settled in Plymouth they believed that the sea extended inland just beyond the pine hills. They discovered their mistake and established the settlement of Manomet Ponds."

It is at the foot of these pine hills on the Plymouth side that the Boulder erected by the Society is situated. The old road to Manomet ran from the old Warren estate along the wall which now lies south of the site of the Boulder. Robert Bartlet resided here; he owned land here, which his children inherited.

This Society had its inception in 1908. I quote the statement of Lucius Warren Bartlett, its first and, so far, only President. His address before the American Society of Colonial Families, on the fourth of January, nineteen hundred and twelve, is as follows:

THE ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT BARTLET, OF PLYMOUTH, MASS.

*To the Officers and Members of the American Society of Colonial Families,*

GREETING:

Previous to 1905 I knew nothing of the Bartlet ancestry back of my great-grandfather, Edward 5, who removed from Stoughton to Cummington, Mass., in 1795. Milly, his seventh child, married Stephen Tower, of Cummington, and in their family Bible was this record:

“ Benjamin Bartlet died April 23, 1776, age 77.  
Hannah Bartlet died Dec. 17, 1799, age 86.”

In 1905, Mercer V. Tilson, who compiled the Tilson Genealogy, recently published, sent me a circular, as my paternal grandmother was a Tilson. Correspondence with Mr. Tilson, using the Bible record as a basis, established my line back to Robert Bartlet, and in the spring of 1908 I requested Mr. Tilson to engage a room in Brockton where the few interested in the work for the previous three years could meet and dine together. It was suggested the call include any of the descendants of Robert Bartlet. The meeting was held August 13, 1908, the attendance being nearly forty, and an organization was effected by choosing officers.

The second meeting and reunion was held at Manomet; the third and fourth in the Methodist Church at Plymouth. It is proposed to hold the fifth at Mt. Tom, Holyoke.

The society was incorporated for the purpose of securing a grant of land upon which the home of Robert and Mary (Warren) Bartlet was situated, and in 1910 a Memorial was placed on the site, being a granite Boulder with a bronze tablet thereon.

At the last reunion the by-laws were amended so that husbands and wives of descendants and other acceptable persons may, upon payment of dues, become Associate members, entitled to all privileges except voting and holding office.

We have on our present mailing list over six hundred descendants.

Respectfully yours,

LUCIUS WARREN BARTLETT, *President*.

Hartford, Conn., January 4, 1912.

After mature consideration, Mr. Lucius Warren Bartlett issued the following call to all descendants of Benjamin Bartlet (4) the great-grandson of Robert Bartlet and Mary Warren, his wife:

#### GENEALOGICAL — BARTLETT

A meeting of the descendants of Benjamin Bartlet (4), who settled in Stoughton, Mass., about 1750, will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association, Main and West Elm Streets, Brockton, Mass., on Thursday, August 13, 1908, at 10 a. m. Those who attend are requested to provide themselves with a basket lunch, to be eaten on the old Bartlet farm, weather permitting. If stormy, at the Hall. Electric cars pass the Hall, also within a few rods of the farm.

Any of the descendants of Robert Bartlet (1) of Plymouth are cordially invited, as one object of the gathering will be to plan for an annual reunion of the descendants of Robert (1), who came in the *Ann*, 1623, place and date to be acted on at this meeting. Correspondence solicited. Lucius W. Bartlett, 33 Russ Street, Hartford, Conn.

Lucius Warren Bartlett (8), Ephraim T. (7), Ephraim (6), Edward (5), Benjamin (4), Benjamin (3), Joseph (2), Robert (1).

Hartford, Conn., July 10, 1908.

The Brockton *Times* had the following account of the meeting of the Society:

"The Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet (1), of Plymouth, and of Benjamin Bartlet (4), who settled in Stoughton about 1750, was organized at the local Y. M. C. A. today.

"Much interest in the formation of this new society centers in Benjamin. The original homes of three members of the family who lived here between 1750 and 1765 have long since been destroyed, but the old cellars still remain to testify to this fact. The farm is located one-half mile over the line from Brockton between Stoughton and Canton.

"The idea of this reunion originated with Lucius W. Bartlett of Hartford, Conn., a direct descendant of Benjamin Bartlet of Stoughton."

Mr. Lucius W. Bartlett, when accepting the office of president, read the following most interesting paper, that he had prepared, about the Bartletts:

### THE BARTLETT NAME

I quote from a book entitled "The Bartletts, Ancestral, Genealogical, Biographical, Historical," with special reference to the descendants of John Bartlett of Weymouth and Cumberland by Thomas Edward Bartlett, now deceased, of whom I would state he was strongly antiquarian in his tastes, was a corresponding member of the Worcester Society of Antiquity and spent a large amount of time and money in the compiling of his book.

"Of names distinguished in the colonial town and state annals of our American Union none is of more uniformly honorable record than that of Bartlett. The name frequently appears in connection with momentous events of New England's early days, the actors of which will be remembered for the greatness of their deeds, the strength of their patriotism, and for the tenacity of their adherence to principle. Some who have borne the name while not perhaps eminent for the splendor of their public career are properly entitled to grateful remembrance for their exemplary conduct and successful endeavor in good citizenship and as friends of their fellow men.

"The Bartletts, like some of the other early settlers who were landed proprietors and owners of estates, were thrifty, forehanded, peacefully inclined persons, who benefit the community of which they are members. Most of them were fairly educated and it is this love of learning and respect for good order which is significant of a common ancestry. More than one hundred and thirty persons of the name have been graduates of American colleges."

The three professions, — Law, Medicine, and Divinity, — have abundantly demonstrated the fact that the Bartletts have been influential in society as jurists, judges, statesmen, physicians, teachers, and ministers of religion. As generals and officers high in command in the army and navy they have been distinguished for courage and bravery. The Official Register of volunteer force of the United States Army, 1861–65 contains the names of eighty-six Bartletts who were commissioned officers in the army during the War of the Rebellion. On page 88 of his book, he says: "The following list

of Bartletts who had arrived in this country previous to 1700 all of which are presumed to have emigrated from England has been obtained from original statistics and nearly all of the twenty-three Bartletts enumerated in the list are known to have descendants."

That these immigrants so nearly contemporaneous in their arrival in this country were connected by consanguinity cannot be doubted, although to this time no effective effort has been made to place them on record in their precise relationship to each other owing to the magnitude of the work of examining every discernible record touching the history of each.

It is generally believed that all persons in this country named Bartlett are without doubt of Norman ancestry. There is a large estate at Stopham, Sussex, England, consisting of some thousands of acres, which has been in possession of the Bartletts for hundreds of years. The first of the family was Adam Bartelot (as the name was spelled in early times), an esquire in the retinue of Bryan a knight and they came into England with William the Conqueror and fought at Hastings. Both were granted lands.

Levi Bartlett of Warner, N. H., now deceased, author of "Sketches of the Bartlett Family," quotes from a letter received by him from Col. Walter B. Bartlett the present representative of the family as follows: "I have always supposed that my American relatives must have descended from Edmund Barttelot (11) of Ernly in Sussex. I may here mention that upon the record of the pedigree of the family that a Richard, John, and Thomas Barttelot who lived here were born 1580-1590 and there their record ends, they having gone and very likely to America."

This is probably the foundation for the statement made by some writers of the three Bartlett brothers, Richard, John, and Thomas that came to America in 1634-5, the two former settling at Newbury and the latter at Watertown.

I am especially interested in this meeting today and in the colonial history of the two colonies, Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay, because all four of my grandparents trace their lineage right back to Plymouth and Hingham. On my mother's side both grandparents were Towers, descending in separate lines from John Tower (1) at Hingham, 1637. On my father's side my grandmother was a Tilson, a descendant of Edmund (1) of Plymouth, 1638. The Bartletts, Towers, and Tilsons of my ancestral lines came from these shores to Cumington, Mass., then an almost unbroken wilderness, at about the same time, soon after the close of the Revolutionary War.



GROUP PICTURE AT BARTLETT FARM, STOUGHTON, MASS., AUGUST 13, 1908

Edward Bartlett (5) came with ten children. Stephen Tower (6) had thirteen children, but the Tilsons were not quite as numerous. They settled on a section of country about four miles square, their lands adjoining, and the families intermarried, "swapping" sisters and brothers until the most expert genealogist would find it a difficult task to determine their precise relationship. The Bartlett and Tower houses were less than a mile apart and I was born, April 3, 1841, in a house situated about half way between them.

That this little band of the faithful was destined to grow in numbers and strength has been proven in subsequent years.

Previous to the second reunion of this Society the following call to the members, and program outlined, was sent out:

THE SECOND ANNUAL REUNION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF  
ROBERT BARTLET, PLYMOUTH, MASS.

1623

August 27, 1909

The second annual reunion of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet (1) of Plymouth, who came over in the ship *Ann*, in 1623 will be held at White Horse Beach Manomet, Plymouth, Mass., August 27, 1909. Manomet is a charming seaside village in the historic old town of Plymouth, and White Horse Beach is the finest of Plymouth's fine beaches and only a minute's walk from Hotel Crescent where the meeting will be held.

Robert Bartlet married in 1628, Mary, daughter of Richard Warren, a Mayflower Pilgrim.

Manomet, the scene of many historic events, is where Robert lived and died and where his possessions were. Only a short walk by a path across the fields, is the second Bartlet house built by Robert's son Joseph in 1680. The place is known as the Bartlet Farm, and has been owned and occupied by the Bartletts from that time to the present.

All persons who can trace their ancestry to Robert Bartlet are cordially invited to be present and bring their friends and thus assist in making the occasion one of great interest as well as pleasant and profitable. It is earnestly desired also that as many possible remain and visit on Saturday the many points of great historical interest in and about Plymouth: Plymouth Rock, Burial Hill, Pilgrim Hall, the National Monument to the Forefathers, etc.





FAMILY CRADLE FOUND IN THE OLD BARTLETT HOUSE BUILT  
AT MANOMET IN 1680.—SCENE OF SECOND  
REUNION OF BARTLETT SOCIETY

#### ORDER OF EXERCISES

August 27. — The day until 1.30 p. m. will be devoted to the reception of members, registration, introductions, sight-seeing, and sociability.

At 1.30 p. m. dinner will be served in the large dining-hall of Hotel Crescent, which will be for our exclusive use from that hour.

Immediately following dinner the business meeting will be held in the dining-hall.

All Bartlett descendants are requested to be present and express their views on questions which may arise.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening Exercises.
2. Secretary's Record of the previous meeting.
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Historian's Report.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. New Business.
8. Election of Officers.

LUCIUS WARREN BARTLETT, *President*.  
Hartford, Conn.  
MRS. EDITH I. CUSHING, *Secretary*.  
Middleboro, Mass.



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### OFFICERS

LUCIUS W. BARTLETT, *President*, Hartford, Conn.

DAVID L. BODFISH, *First Vice-President*, Palmer, Mass.

JOHN BARTLETT, *Second Vice-President*, Brockton, Mass.

MRS. EDITH I. CUSHING, *Secretary and Treasurer*, Middleboro, Mass.

MRS. SARAH S. BARTLET, *Historian*, Roxbury, Mass.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LUCIUS W. BARTLETT, Hartford, Conn.

MRS. EDITH I. CUSHING, Middleboro, Mass.

EPHRAIM D. BARTLETT, Plymouth, Mass.

MISS HELEN BIRD, East Bridgewater, Mass.

HERMAN PACKARD, Brockton, Mass.

A feature of the reunion was the poem written for the occasion and read by Mrs. Anna Bartlett Johnson of Manomet.

It was voted to erect a memorial on the spot where Robert Bartlet erected his home.

Appended is the address of welcome by the President, Lucius Warren Bartlett of Hartford, Conn.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, AUGUST 27, 1909

*Brothers and sisters of the Robert Bartlet Family:* — It is with sincere pleasure that I once more welcome you to this our second reunion. I am exceedingly gratified to see so many of the descendants of Robert and Mary (Warren) Bartlet gathered here, almost as it were upon the hearthstone where they lived, and wrought, and died; where they, with the rest of that little company of Pilgrims, contributed their full share of the privations, the danger and the toil incident to the founding of a new commonwealth upon the principles of Justice, Equality, and the right of the people to govern themselves. They builded better than they knew. By their courage, steadfastness, and energy; by their strict adherence to those cardinal principles of Honesty and Virtue so necessary to the building of upright character and without which no community or state can long survive, they laid the foundations of this great, powerful, and prosperous nation, the United States of America.

In my search for the descendants of Robert Bartlet, I discovered some members of the family to whom I became very much attached, which created a strong desire to meet them all again and talk over, in a social and informal manner, our common interests as members of the Bartlett family. It was this desire that led to the call for the meeting which was held at Brockton on August 13, 1908. That meeting was a most gratifying success. The society was born; we gave it a name and elected officers to look after its welfare.

We are here again, today, an infant of one year's growth, yet a strong healthy child and, judging from the number and character of those present, it is sufficiently able to walk alone.

My concluding thought is — for what purpose was the Society born and why are we gathered here today? We might answer for social enjoyment; to have a day of relaxation from the work and cares of our ordinary life; to make the acquaintance of those who are our kindred in blood, who are descendants of a common ancestor, not forgetting that in a larger sense we are kindred of all people as we are children of a common father, God. But to my mind there is something far deeper and more lasting, however good these things may be in themselves. We are gathered here, I trust, to do honor to the memory of those who by their virtues, their precepts, their example, their steadfast adherence to principle and to the right as they saw it, have left to us, their children, an inheritance which we cannot value too highly. In the contemplation of their characters, and what they achieved under adverse circumstances, we should gather inspiration and a renewed vigor to go forward in the battle, for it is always such, for what is right, what is just, and whatever there is we can do for the uplifting of humanity. We flatter ourselves how brave we all would be if we had the opportunity. If we had lived in their day or in the days of the Revolution or the Civil War we would have been found in the forefront of battle and on the firing line. Selfishness and greed, vice and evil in all its forms never sleep on their arms. You do not need a war nor a chance to face a cannon's mouth to show that you are brave. What is needed in times of peace are MORAL HEROES, in which we are woefully lacking. There is plenty of room in that army, a great opportunity for you and me, for the world is brimful and running over with moral cowards. Let us not add to the number.

Therefore, I repeat, let us gather together as often as we can and resolve that we, so far as in us lies, will make ourselves worthy of the rich inheritance that has been bequeathed to us by the privations, the struggles, and the sacrifices of

those we are met to honor. Let us preserve and transmit that inheritance unimpaired to our posterity, that in the years to come they may rise up and do us honor even as we do honor those who have gone before us.

REPORT OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 13, 1908 (PREVIOUS MEETING) BY THE SECRETARY

*To the Members of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, who came in the ship Ann, 1623. I render with much pleasure this report of the first meeting.*

In response to the Call contained in the following circular letter, over fifty persons, from all sections, assembled in Y. M. C. A. Hall, Brockton, Mass., Thursday, August 13, 1908.

The organizer, Mr. Lucius W. Bartlett, of Hartford, Conn., called the meeting to order at 10 a. m. A temporary organization was effected by making Mr. Lucius W. Bartlett Chairman, and Mrs. Edith I. (Bartlett) Cushing, Secretary.

It was a very informal meeting and as a result of sociability and a general discussion on the desirability of a Society of the descendants of Robert Bartlet (1) the persons present voted to form a permanent organization.

On motion a Committee was chosen, composed of the Chairman, Secretary, and three others, Mr. Horace W. Mann of Stoughton, Mr. David L. Bodfish of Palmer, and Mr. John Bartlett of Brockton, to withdraw and report upon a name and plan of organization for the new Society. During this interval, all present were writing out their lines of descent to be given to an official for verification.

When the Chairman called the meeting to order once more, the Committee made the following report, which was unanimously accepted by those present.

That the organization be called the "Society of Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth — who came in the Ship *Ann*, in 1623."

That the officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer, an Historian, and Executive Committee composed of five members, two of which shall be the President and Secretary.

The meeting then proceeded to elect officers and made choice of the following:

*President*, Mr. Lucius Warren Bartlett, of Hartford, Conn.  
*1st Vice-President*, Mr. David L. Bodfish, of Palmer, Mass.

*2d Vice-President*, Mr. John Bartlett, of Brockton, Mass.  
*Secretary-Treasurer*, Mrs. Edith I. (Bartlett) Cushing, of Middleboro, Mass.

*Historian*, Mrs. Sarah S. Bartlet, of Roxbury, Mass.

*Executive Committee*, President, Secretary, Mr. Ephraim D. Bartlett, Plymouth, Mass., Miss Helen Bird, East Bridgewater, Mass., Mr. Herman Packard, Brockton, Mass.

After the President's address of welcome, the next business brought before the meeting was the question of dues. As no organization can be conducted without more or less expense, it was voted to make the dues fifty cents a year. The financial year to begin with the date of the Annual Reunion.

It was also voted that the executive committee prepare a constitution and by-laws to present at the next meeting; also voted that the time and place of the next meeting be left with the executive committee. The morning session was then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Many of those present went to the old Bartlet Farm in Stoughton, at the noon interval, to partake of their basket lunch. While there a group picture was taken which appears on our souvenir post cards.

The afternoon session was principally of a social nature.

The weather bureau reported the next day that "Yesterday was one of the hottest August 13ths on record." Who doubted it?

After making many pleasant acquaintances (as we were mostly strangers before this) the meeting adjourned till "we meet again at our Second Annual Meeting."

All will agree that this first meeting of the Bartletts was a decided success, and too much praise and thanks cannot be given to our President, the organizer, Mr. Lucius W. Bartlett, who has been most generous in the expenditure of his time and money to bring this about.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH I. (BARTLETT) CUSHING, *Secretary*.

## REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1908 AND 1909

*To the members of the Society of Descendants of Robert Bartlet (1) of Plymouth, Mass., your Treasurer makes this first report:*

### RECEIPTS

Annual dues from 70 members, at \$.50	\$35.00
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### EXPENDITURES

Post-cards to use as Receipts	\$2.00
Express charges	.40
2 Record Books, at \$.25	.50
Letter-heads	4.50
11 Packages stamped envelopes	5.94
500 Programs	19.25
Balance due Treasury	2.41
	<hr/> \$35.00

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH I. BARTLETT CUSHING, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

*For year ending August 27, 1909, at Plymouth*

Mrs. Sarah S. Bartlet  
1908-1910

"When a land rejects her legends,  
Sees but falsehood in the past,  
And its people view their sires  
In the light of fools or liars,  
'Tis a sign of its decline;  
And its splendors can not last.  
Branches that but blight their roots,  
Yield no sap for lasting fruits."

Scientific research has proved that every individual is a composite being, and comprises a combination of the individual characteristics and qualities of his ancestors; such being the case it is a most natural and worthy desire to know who one's ancestors were, and the nature of the qualities of mind and body that it was possible for them to have transmitted to us, their descendants. It is with mingled pride and pleasure that we search the various records to learn of the part which our several ancestors took in the affairs of the early days in the Colony. The importance of this research and study cannot be over-estimated, for thereby future generations are furnished with important facts, as well as preserving important data. Tradition, as we know, cannot be depended upon; although tradition is often founded upon facts, it has no weight as records. Then again a study of the virtues and

frailties of our ancestors, serves a double purpose; their virtues serve as examples for us to follow; and over their mistakes we draw the mantle of sympathy and charity. Of the patriotism of our valiant pioneer ancestors we are justly proud, and we honor and revere the memory of such an ancestor as Robert Bartlet, who left an unsullied name and who helped as a loyal and worthy citizen to lay the foundation of our Commonwealth, and our country. It should be an inspiration to make us mindful of our own obligations, and to pass on to our posterity an unsullied record.

We regret that we know nothing of our Robert Bartlet's boyhood and youth, but we can imagine that he probably, like the majority of the people of southern England, was greatly attracted by the wonderful narratives of Captain John Smith, Sir Francis Drake, and others, regarding New England and its possibilities. Captain John Smith made a famous map of this country, copies of which, with a list of inducements which the new country offered, were sent to the nobility and gentry of the southern counties of England. There is no question but subsequent emigration was largely induced by this act of Captain John Smith. Among the number were many younger sons who were attracted by the love of adventure, as well as the desire for wealth. Possibly our own Robert may have been a younger son, who was eager for new experiences, with high hopes of a possible fortune besides. Can we not picture a well-favored youth, in the early twenties, with bright and mirthful eyes, full of the vigor of youth, hope, and eager anticipations, nothing daunted by vague stories of the perils and dangers experienced by the Pilgrims at Plymouth during the terrible winter succeeding their arrival in 1620, coming to the new world in search of the unknown?

With cheerful courage he embarked on the ship *Ann*, in 1623, for this country, and found himself one of a large and pleasant company, many of whom had similar aims to his own. Among the number was one who afterward distinguished himself as Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Roger Conant, who, together with his wife and infant son, was seeking a home in New England. It is safe to believe that like young men of every age and clime Robert was not indifferent to the sight of a pretty maiden; certain it is, that when he saw sweet Mary Warren he was captivated by her shy and winsome grace, and she in turn was not insensible to the superior attractions and pleasant companionship of her fellow traveler. The long voyage with its many real and fancied perils, furnished him with vast and varied opportunities for a closer acquaintance than would be possible today

on one of our modern steamships. Great opportunity was furnished Mrs. Warren to estimate Robert's desirable qualities. The mother of Mary was on her way to join her husband at Plymouth. It would seem that during the daily intercourse of ninety days or more on shipboard, Robert must have made a favorable impression upon Mrs. Warren as well as her daughter, for later on when Robert asked Richard Warren for the hand of his daughter in marriage, his suit was looked upon favorably, as we know.

Richard Warren's own history is full of interest; he was a man of wealth who had been a successful merchant in London who upon learning of the proposed departure of the Pilgrims for Plymouth in 1620, set sail with them, without his family, with a view to investment and speculation in the country to be settled. He was a staunch supporter of the English Church, as had been his family for generations. His lineage is of the oldest, identical with the peerage, through royal lines. Although the records of Plymouth Colony, like all records of that period, are very incomplete, Richard Warren it is known, was one of the principal men in the affairs of the Colony at that time, and his advice was sought in important financial matters. Just previous to the landing of the Pilgrims he was one of the five Commissioners chosen in the cabin of the Mayflower to embark in the small boat, to seek a suitable landing-place, which resulted in their spending the night on Clark's Island.

The ships *Ann* and *Little James* reached Plymouth about the same time, having on board beside the general body those who came on "their particular," meaning those who paid their own expenses for the voyage, which entitled them to being assigned lots of land. Robert Bartlet was without doubt one of this number for, upon his arrival, he was granted an acre of land upon Eel River in Plymouth. The nearest approach to a feast offered to the new arrivals consisted of a piece of fish without bread and a cup of fair spring water. Robert was a cooper by occupation, sometimes called wine cooper in the records, and was evidently a man greatly respected. He served several times as a member of the Grand Jury, also frequently on trial juries, and several times as surveyor of highways. His name appears in the records as a "freeman" in 1633. As a wedding gift, Mrs. Warren presented Robert with a lot of land which, with subsequent additions, was the legacy transmitted to his second son, Joseph, situated in what is now Manomet. His other children were: Benjamin, Rebecca, William, Mary, Sarah Elizabeth, Lydia, and Mercy. In the records of the town of Plymouth may be seen a copy of his will.

Where he lies buried is not recorded, but it is generally believed that the space at the side of his son Joseph on Burial Hill was his last resting-place. There is no record of the death of his wife. It is interesting to know that undoubtedly Robert Bartlet was a man of decided views, for it is recorded that he was once summoned to Court for "speaking contemptuously of the practice of the singing of psalms." He was sharply admonished, and allowed to depart after acknowledging his fault.

It is to be sincerely hoped that one of the results of our honored Society, composed of the descendants of Robert Bartlet, will be the establishing of the proof of the relationship, if any, existing between Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, who arrived there in 1623, and the Bartlett family at Stopham, County of Sussex, England.\* This family dates back to Adam de Barttelot, an esquire, who came from Normandy into England, and was granted lands, and buried at Stopham Church in 1100. John Barttelot, his descendant, captured the castle of Fontenoy in France, in the fourteenth century, and to him was granted the crest of the castle. The family upon being granted the title of knighthood were given the right to keep swans upon the river Avon, a right permitted to but few families. The eldest line of Barttelots have lived at Stopham since the Norman Conquest, and their remains are buried in the tomb under the church. The complete records of the Bartlet family since 1300 may be seen in the church. The windows of this church are curious and very handsome, with coats-of-arms in stained glass and bearing the Barttelot name. The coat-of-arms has eleven quarterings, and there are two family crests. From time immemorial the Barttelot family has held a high position among the landed gentry, having always a Member of Parliament represented by the family. The estate is entailed, the previous owner, Sir Walter Barttelot, was killed in the Boer War. The present members of the family living upon the old estate are most courteous to the representatives of the family in America, who are always hospitably received. The Bartletts in America, whose claim to the lineage of the Barttelot family at Stopham has been proved, are the descendants of Richard and John who settled at Newbury in 1635, and Thomas at Watertown. It is believed that there is good authority for thinking that Robert Bartlet, our ancestor, was connected with the family at Stopham,† Robert being

\* Editor's Note. — It is generally conceded that all the Bartlets coming to this country previous to 1700, are members of the Bartlett family of Stopham, Sussex county, England, or its branches.

† See previous note of Editor on this point.



a name occurring in the early records. The name of Bartlett has been honorably borne by Robert's descendants, some of whom have acquired fame and renown. We are honored to claim among them the poet Longfellow, John Bartlett, author of Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, and William Ashmead Bartlett, who married the noted English philanthropist, Baroness Burdett Coutts; also many clergymen and a goodly number of true, upright men and women. Standing here today and looking across the green, pleasant fields stretching away from the silver sands to the site of the happy and peaceful home of Robert and Mary Bartlet, what feelings of gratitude fill our hearts that we can thus celebrate their memory without a blot upon the family escutcheon.

During the past year I have answered forty-eight letters besides writing to many supposed to be descendants of Robert Bartlet, also interviewing many persons, and doing all in my power to help them establish their line of descent by visiting genealogical headquarters, etc., for them. I have sent announcements to thirty-five persons, some of whom have become members. Some who were positive they belonged to this branch of the family have been shown their mistake and found to belong to the line of Richard of Newbury. I have spent much time, most agreeably, in preparing this historical sketch of the life of Robert Bartlet and collecting the preceding data.

The work as historian for the year 1910 was along the same lines, but such was the popularity of the Society that requests similar to the following were more than doubled, increasing the amount of correspondence. Information was desired of Aruna Bartlet, who married Remember Holmes of Plymouth in 1776, or thereabout; this missing link would establish the connection of the inquirer with the line of Robert Bartlet.

Descendants of a family of Bartletts living at Thetford, Vt., in 1775, wished particular information that has not been found. It is most encouraging to witness the growth of our Society upon a broad and permanent basis, for which we are gratefully indebted to our honored President, Lucius W. Bartlett. At the close of my second year, owing to illness in my family, I was unable to continue in office as Historian, and was obliged to decline re-election, although urged to retain the office.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SARAH S. BARTLET.

On December 30, 1909, the following Charter was adopted, showing the steady determination of the officers and members of this Society to rivet closely the household.

## CHARTER AND BY-LAWS

### SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT BARTLET OF PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

The first meeting of the subscribers to the Agreement of Association to constitute a corporation by the name of

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was held pursuant to notice in the city of Boston, December 11, 1909. Lucius W. Bartlett was chosen chairman of the meeting. Ermina Bartlett Suhanek was elected temporary clerk, and after being duly sworn presented to the meeting a set of by-laws which were unanimously adopted. Officers were then elected as provided for by Article 3, Section 1, of the by-laws, as follows:

*President*, Lucius W. Bartlett, Hartford, Conn.

*First Vice-President*, Mercer V. Tilson, South Hanson, Mass.

*Second Vice-President*, Charles H. Bartlett, Dorchester, Mass.

*Secretary-Treasurer*, Ermina Bartlett Suhanek, Holyoke, Mass.

*Historian*, Sarah S. Bartlet, Roxbury, Mass.

### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BE IT KNOWN That whereas Lucius W. Bartlett, Ermina D. Bartlett Suhanek, Mercer V. Tilson, Chas. H. Bartlett, Sarah S. Bartlet, Anna B. Johnson and Warren Tower Bartlett have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of the

### SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT BARTLET OF PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS,

for the purpose of founding a permanent association of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and of so perpetuating the memory of a worthy and revered pioneer and founder of the Plymouth Colony, of uniting socially the descendants of said Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Massachusetts, of holding meetings and reunions of the said descendants, of promoting historical, genealogical, and antiquarian research concerning the said Robert Bartlet and his ancestors and descendants, of compiling and disseminating, by publication or in any other manner, such knowledge so obtained or otherwise acquired, concerning the said Robert Bartlet and his ancestors and descendants, of obtaining, holding, acquiring by gift, purchase, or otherwise owning, leasing, establishing, maintaining, mortgaging, selling, or otherwise disposing of monuments and memorial buildings and memorial tablets to the memory of the said Robert Bartlet, and any of his ancestors or descendants, buildings for museums, buildings of historical interest, buildings adapted to the holding of reunions and meetings, or necessary or desirable for the furtherance of the purposes of the corporation, and land for the erection or location of such monuments, tablets, and buildings, or upon which are situated any such monuments, tablets, or buildings, or which surround the same, and personal property of historical interest, or other property, real, personal,

or mixed, that may be necessary or desirable in carrying out the purposes of the corporation, and have complied with the provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth, in such case made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the proper officers of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations, and recorded in this office:

Now, therefore, I, WILLIAM M. OLIN, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that said Lucius W. Bartlett, Ermina D. Bartlett Suhanek, Mercer V. Tillson, Charles H. Bartlett, Sarah S. Bartlet, Anna B. Johnson, and Warren Tower Bartlett, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as, and are hereby made, an existing corporation under the name of the

SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT BARTLET OF  
PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS,

with the powers, rights, and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties, and restrictions, which by law appertain thereto.

(SEAL) Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereunto affixed, this thirtieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine.

WILLIAM M. OLIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

BY-LAWS OF THE

SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT BARTLET OF  
PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

ARTICLE I

*Principal Office.* — The principal office of this Society shall be located at Holyoke, Mass.

ARTICLE II

*Members.* — Any descendant of Robert Bartlet who came from England in 1623 and settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts, may become a member of this Society by making application therefor to the Secretary, paying the membership fee and proving to the satisfaction of the Executive Board that the applicant for membership is a descendant of the said Robert Bartlet.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. *Officers.* — The officers of the Society shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, a Historian, and an Executive Board consisting of the five officers already named. All officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify. Any two offices, except that of the President and First Vice-President, may be filled by one and the same member.

SEC. 2. *President.* — The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board and shall be the chief executive officer and head of the Society. He shall perform all such duties as are incident to his office or which may be required of him by the Executive Board.

SEC. 3. *Vice-Presidents.* — The Vice-Presidents shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Executive Board. In case of the absence or disability of the President,

the duties of the office of President shall be performed by the First Vice-President.

SEC. 4. *Secretary.* — The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings and of the meetings of the Society and shall keep a record of all votes. He shall attend to the giving of proper notice of all meetings and shall in general perform all duties incident to his office. He shall be ex-officio Secretary of the Executive Board.

SEC. 5. *Treasurer.* — The Treasurer shall collect, receive, and disburse the funds of the Society under the direction of the Executive Board. He shall keep regular books containing the accounts of the Society and shall render statements of its financial condition at the annual meeting of the Society and whenever required by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall give a bond to the Society in such an amount and tenor as the Executive Board may require.

SEC. 6. *Historian.* — The Historian shall attend to the correspondence of the Society, except the giving of notices of meetings, and shall have the custody of papers, documents, and other similar things of historical interest to the Society, and shall perform such other duties incident to the office as may be assigned to the Historian by the Executive Board.

SEC. 7. *Executive Board.* — The Executive Board shall have and exercise full control and management of the affairs and business of the Society, except such as are conferred by law or by these by-laws upon the officers of this Society. The Executive Board may from time to time adopt such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the law, or these by-laws, as they shall determine. It may delegate any of its powers and duties to any officer or committee consisting either of members of the Executive Board or of the Society. It may by resolution appoint committees for furthering the interests of the Society and determine by resolution the powers and duties of such committees.

SEC. 8. *Vacancies.* — In case of vacancy occurring among the officers and members of the Executive Board by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the remaining members of the Board may elect by majority vote by ballot a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

## ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1. *Annual Meetings.* — The annual meeting of the members of this Society shall be held in the State of Massachusetts at such place, day, and hour as the Executive Board may determine, between the first day of June and the first day of September. Four members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

SEC. 2. *Special Meetings.* — Special meetings of the Society for any purpose shall be held, whenever called by a majority vote of the entire Executive Board, in the State of Massachusetts, at such place, day, and hour as the said Board may determine. The resolution calling a special meeting shall state the object of such meeting and a copy of such resolution shall be included in the notice to members.

SEC. 3. *Notices.* — Notice of any meeting stating the time and place of said meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary, at least thirty days prior to the meeting, to each member of the Society at his address as the same appears on the books of the Society.

SEC. 4. *Order of Business.* — The order of business at meetings of the Society shall be as follows:

1. Roll call, a quorum being present.
2. Reading of minutes of preceding meeting and action thereon.
3. Reports of officers.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Action upon reports of officers and committees.

6. Unfinished business.

7. Election of officers.

8. New business.

SEC. 5. *Adjournment*. — If at any meeting duly called a quorum should fail to attend, those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice until a quorum shall attend, and thereupon any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called, had the same been held.

SEC. 6. *Elections*. — At the election of officers the polls shall be opened and closed and all ballots shall be received and counted by two inspectors of election, who shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the meeting, and who shall report to the Secretary of the meeting in writing the result of the ballot. All officers shall be elected by a majority of the members present and voting. The Executive Board may, if it sees fit, appoint a nominating committee whose duty it shall be to report to the meeting a list of candidates nominated for the offices of the Society.

## ARTICLE V

SECTION 1. *Fiscal Year*. — The fiscal year of the Society shall be from June 1 to May 31, except that the first fiscal year shall be from the date of the adoption of these by-laws to May 31, 1910.

## ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1. *Dues*. — The membership fee which each member shall pay on joining the Society shall be fifty cents and thereafter there shall be an annual fee of fifty cents due and payable on the first day of the calendar month following the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1. *Meetings of the Executive Board*. — The Executive Board may fix and declare the time and place of holding its meetings.

SEC. 2. *Calling of Meetings*. — The meetings of the Executive Board shall be held whenever called by the President of the Society and shall be called by him whenever two or more members of the Board shall request in writing that a meeting be held.

SEC. 3. *Notices*. — Notices of all meetings of the Executive Board stating the time and place shall be mailed by the Secretary at least ten days prior to the meeting to each member of the Board at his address as the same appears on the books of the Society. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of the whole Board for the time being in office.

SEC. 4. *May Act Without Meetings*. — The Executive Board shall have power to act in the following manner: A resolution in writing signed by a majority of all the members in office shall be deemed to be the action of such Executive Board to the effect therein expressed, with the same force and effect as if the same had been duly passed by the same vote at a duly convened meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to record such resolution in the minute books of the Society under the proper date, provided that all members of the Board shall have received copies of such resolution and shall have had a reasonable opportunity to communicate with other members concerning the same.

## ARTICLE VIII

*Amendments*. — These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any annual or special meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of

the members present and voting, provided that the proposed alteration, amendment, or resolution of repeal shall have been presented in writing to the Secretary at least sixty days previous to the meeting. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary to include in his notice of the meeting sent to the members of the Society a copy of the proposed alteration, amendment, or resolution of repeal.

# LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS

August 13, 1908 to August 27, 1909

No.	
1	Mr. Lucius Warren Bartlett . . . Windsor, Conn.
2	Mrs. Zilpha J. Bartlett . . . Windsor, Conn.
3	Mrs. Ermina D. Bartlett Suhanek . . . Holyoke, Mass.
4	Mr. David L. Bodfish . . . Palmer, Mass.
5	Mr. Ephraim Diman Bartlett . . . Plymouth, Mass.
6	Mrs. Edith I. Bartlett Cushing . . . Middleboro, Mass.
7	Mrs. Eugenia F. B. Lovell . . . Whitman, Mass.
8	Mr. Henry Marshall Bird . . . Stoughton, Mass.
9	Mrs. Sarah S. Bartlett . . . Roxbury, Mass.
10	Miss Sarah B. Bartlett . . . Roxbury, Mass.
11	Mr. Charles H. Bartlett . . . Dorchester, Mass.
12	Mrs. Mary M. Farry . . . Dorchester, Mass.
13	Miss Isabelle M. Bartlett . . . Brockton, Mass.
14	Miss Edith E. Bartlett . . . Brockton, Mass.
15	Miss Marcia J. Bartlett . . . Brockton, Mass.
16	Mr. John A. Bartlett . . . Brockton, Mass.
17	Miss Helen A. Bird . . . East Bridgewater, Mass.
18	Rev. Ephraim H. Bartlett . . . Waterville, Vt.
19	Mrs. Elizabeth Bird Mann . . . Stoughton, Mass.
20	Mr. Horace A. Bird . . . Brockton, Mass.
21	Mr. Frederick H. Bird . . . Brockton, Mass.
22	Miss Anna E. Bartlett . . . Hartford, Conn.
23	Miss Helen L. Bartlett . . . Salt Lake City, Utah
24	Mr. Warren Tower Bartlett . . . Hartford, Conn.
25	Mrs. Alice Bartlett Forbes . . . Hartford, Conn.
26	Miss Barbara Hyde Forbes . . . Hartford, Conn.
27	Mr. Arthur Lucius Bartlett . . . Springfield, Mass.
28	Mrs. Leota Gray Bartlett . . . Springfield, Mass.
29	Mrs. Emma B. Thrall . . . Windsor, Conn.
30	Mr. Oliver J. Thrall . . . Windsor, Conn.
31	Mrs. Flora B. Ulrich . . . Hartford, Conn.
32	Mr. W. Leroy Ulrich . . . Hartford, Conn.
33	*Mrs. Alice P. Burdick . . . Hartford, Conn.
34	Mr. Herman Packard . . . Brockton, Mass.
35	Mrs. Mary Carr Packard . . . Brockton, Mass.
36	Mr. Francis Bartlett, P. O. Box 1479 . . . Boston, Mass.
37	Mr. Simeon A. Bird . . . Campello, Mass.
38	Mr. Robert W. Bartlett . . . New Bedford, Mass.
39	*Mrs. Vesta Bartlett Tower . . . Cummington, Mass.
40	Mr. Theodore Parker Tower . . . Cummington, Mass.
41	*Mr. Mercer V. Tilson . . . South Hanson, Mass.
42	Mr. John Q. Tillson . . . New Haven, Conn.
43	Mr. Francis Bartlett . . . Manomet, Mass.
44	Mrs. Addie Waite Colgan . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
45	Mrs. F. Madelyn B. Hoyt . . . New Haven, Conn.

\* Deceased.

46	Mr. William B. Browne	×	×	×	Blackinton, Mass.
47	Mrs. Rebecca C. Boomer	.	.	.	Campello, Mass.
48	Mr. E. Paran Bartlett	.	.	.	Manomet, Mass.
49	Miss Marguerite Bartlett	×	×	×	Worthington, Mass.
50	Mr. Leroy C. Bartlett	.	.	.	Marshfield Center, Mass.
51	Rev. William P. Bartlett	.	.	.	Plymouth, N. H.
52	Miss Mary A. Tower	.	×	×	Worthington, Mass.
53	Mrs. Angeline T. Haskins	.	.	.	Springfield, Mass.
54	Miss Edith A. Haskins	.	.	.	Springfield, Mass.
55	Mr. Joseph B. White	.	×	.	North Hanson, Mass.
56	Mrs. Susan J. Hopkins	.	.	.	Weymouth, Mass.
57	Miss Mary A. Hopkins	.	.	.	Weymouth, Mass.
58	Mrs. Amanda B. Soule	.	.	.	Middleboro, Mass.
59	Mr. Loring Robbins	.	×	.	North Auburn, Me.
60	Mrs. Polly McFarlin Nauman	.	.	.	Plymouth, Mass.
61	Mrs. Elizabeth B. Ames Carver	.	.	.	Elmwood, Mass.
62	Miss L. Florence Bartlett	.	×	.	Belmont, Mass.
63	Mrs. Minnie B. Harlow	.	.	×	Whitman, Mass.
64	Miss Florence J. Harlow	.	.	.	Whitman, Mass.
65	Mr. Arthur H. Churchill	.	×	.	Montclair, N. J.
66	Mr. Sampson McFarlin	.	.	.	Middleboro, Mass.
67	Mrs. Anna Bartlett Johnson	.	.	.	Dorchester, Mass.
	Total, 67.				

## THE THIRD ANNUAL REUNION

OF THE SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT BARTLET,  
JUNE 16, 1910

The Third Annual Reunion of The Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass., will be held in the chapel of the Methodist Church, corner of Court and Brewster Streets, Plymouth, Mass., on Thursday, June 16, 1910. The chapel is only a short walk from the railroad station and right on the line of the electric cars. It will be open all day for the convenience of those who attend.

At 10.30 a. m. the meeting will come to order for the transaction of business as follows:

1. Opening exercises.
2. Reading of the Secretary's record of the previous meeting.
3. Reports of officers and committees.
4. New business.
5. Election of officers.

At 12.30 lunch will be served in Wesleyan Hall, by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church. Price per plate, fifty cents.

At the last reunion it was voted that a suitable memorial be placed upon the site of the home of Robert and Mary (Warren) Bartlet. It is with great satisfaction we are able to state that all the detail work has been accomplished and the memorial will be completed by the time of the meeting.

It also gives us much pleasure to announce that Mrs. Marian Longfellow, a member of our society and a niece of the poet Longfellow, who was himself a descendant of Robert Bartlet, will address the meeting by request, her subject being, "Our Pilgrim Ancestors and the Debt We Owe Them."

After the lunch will be the address, remarks by members and others, and a visit to the memorial by those who desire.

All of the Bartletts are invited to come and bring their friends with them. It is hoped that every descendant will make this 16th day of June, the most beautiful month in the year, a real home-coming to the old historic town of Plymouth, the parent homestead of our Bartlett family.

LUCIUS WARREN BARTLETT, *President.*

Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. ERMINA BARTLETT SUHANEK,

*Secretary and Treasurer.*

Holyoke, Mass.

The President welcomed the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass., at the opening of the exercises in the Methodist Church at Plymouth on June 16, 1910, in a few chosen words.

He also gave reports on the incorporating of the Society and on the privilege of erecting a memorial to our ancestor Robert Bartlet, and Mary Warren his wife, which appear in these proceedings.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Secretary's Report of meeting held August 27, 1909, (read by Mrs. Suhanek).

White Horse Beach, Manomet, was the Mecca for about fourscore descendants of Robert Bartlet. Nature was lavish and provided an ideal day for the Second Annual Reunion of the Society which was held at Hotel Crescent. It was a day in which to rejoice, so perfect were the atmospheric conditions.

The morning was spent in registering, introductions, and renewing acquaintance. Many walked to the old Bartlett House, which was built in 1680 by Robert's son Joseph, and is still owned by the Bartletts.



At 1.30 the company marched to the dining-room with hearts and steps attune to music. A satisfactory dinner was served, after which a group photograph was taken in front of the hotel. The party returned to the dining-room and the clan was called to order by the president, Mr. Lucius Warren Bartlett.

In the absence of Mrs. Edith I. Cushing, the Secretary, Mrs. Eugenia F. Bartlett Lovell was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Walter R. Bartlett of Dighton, Mass.

An address of welcome by the President followed, in which he extended greeting to his kindred and told of "The Early Days of the Bartlett Family," showing how the descendant had played a noble part in the development of the country.

Mrs. Anna Bartlett Johnson contributed a poem descriptive of Robert the ancestor.

The address in full, also a newspaper account of the meeting, with other items, are appended to this report as they may be of interest in the future.

The Secretary's record of the previous meeting was read by Mrs. Eugenia F. Bartlett Lovell, and accepted.

The report of the Historian, Mrs. Sarah S. Bartlet, was submitted and accepted.

The efficiency of the services of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian was recognized by a vote of thanks.

The President asked for an expression as to the time and place of the next meeting and after some suggestions it was voted that the matter be left with the executive committee.

The matter of annual dues was considered. *Voted*, that the dues remain the same as last year, fifty cents per annum.

A letter received from Mr. Charles H. Warren of Providence, R. I., a descendant of both Richard Warren and Robert Bartlet, was read, in which he gave the Society permission to place a monument to mark the site of the home of Robert and Mary (Warren) Bartlet which was situated upon Mr. Warren's land. It was voted to accept the offer and that the Society proceed to erect a suitable memorial.

No further business being offered, upon motion a committee was appointed to submit a list of persons for officers for the ensuing year. The following list was submitted and unanimously elected.

*President*, Mr. Lucius Warren Bartlett, Hartford, Conn.

*First Vice-President*, Mr. Mercer V. Tilson, South Hanson, Mass.

*Second Vice-President*, Mr. Charles H. Bartlett, Dorchester, Mass.

*Secretary and Treasurer*, Mrs. Ermina Bartlett Suhanek, Holyoke, Mass.

*Historian*, Mrs. Sarah S. Bartlet, Roxbury, Mass.

Mrs. Edith I. Bartlett Cushing, the former most efficient Secretary, in a letter to the President, positively declined to be a candidate for re-election on account of her many other duties.

It was further voted that the officers elected constitute the executive committee and that they be empowered to fill all vacancies on the Board. Voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENIA F. BARTLETT LOVELL, *Secretary pro tem*.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1909-10

##### RECEIPTS

Balance from last report . . . . .	\$2. 41
Membership fees . . . . .	40. 00
Sale of Badges . . . . .	15. 95
Total . . . . .	\$58. 36
Balance due Treasurer . . . . .	203. 63
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	\$261. 99

##### EXPENDITURES

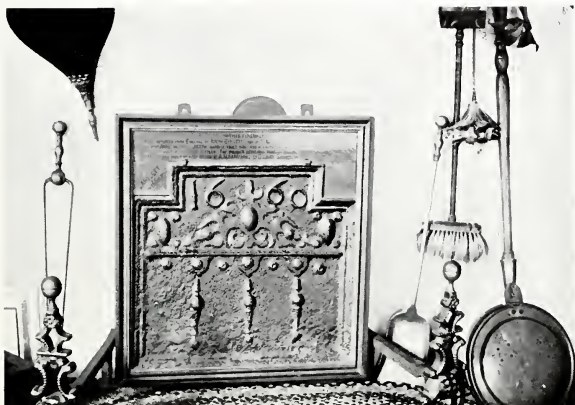
To Coat-of-Arms and drawing for same . . . . .	\$7. 00
“ Envelopes and postage . . . . .	3. 27
“ Bill for badges . . . . .	11. 05
“ Placard and information at station . . . . .	1. 85
“ 200 Receipts . . . . .	2. 75
“ 800 Letter-heads . . . . .	4. 50
“ 17 Packages stamped envelopes . . . . .	9. 24
“ 300 Charter and By-Laws . . . . .	13. 75
“ 200 Circular letters . . . . .	2. 50
“ Notary certificate, .50, and Registration fee, .50 . . . . .	1. 00
“ Record book . . . . .	1. 00
“ Expense on Charter . . . . .	9. 56
“ Expenses for Memorial Tablet:	
Expense to Plymouth, May 5th . . . . .	15. 00
Bill to Mr. Mercer V. Tilson . . . . .	14. 34
“ “ Clark & Finney . . . . .	108. 43
“ “ Tablet . . . . .	22. 40
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Respectfully submitted,

ERMINA B. SUHANEK, *Treasurer*.

The President called attention to an interesting relic exhibited by Mr. Ephraim D. Bartlett. It was an iron fire-back, bearing the date 1660. A little history concerning it may be of interest.

This fire-back was imported from England by Joseph Bartlet (2) son of Robert Bartlet (1) who came to Plymouth in the ship *Ann* in 1623. Joseph (2) married about 1660 and went to Manomet Ponds (now, 1880, South Plymouth) and there built a house and settled. In 1680 Joseph (2)



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built another house at Manomet, and years later the original house came into possession of Charles Dana Bartlett (8) and Hosea C. Bartlett (8) sons of Charles Bartlett (7) who lived in the house about fifty years. Years later Hosea C. Bartlett (8) tore down his half of the house and Charles Dana Bartlett (8) moved his half farther up the road, where it is still standing today (June 16, 1910). In taking down the chimney, this fire-back was discovered and was sold in 1880 by Charles Dana Bartlett to A. M. Harrison, United States Coast Survey, and left by him to Miss Sarah Achsah Bartlett, of Plymouth, Mass.

## REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL

*To the officers and members of the Bartlett Society:* Your Committee considered that the first and essential thing to be done was to secure the legal right to the use of the land where this memorial was to be placed, with a right of way thereto.

The first requirement made by the owners of the land was that we should establish to their satisfaction that the spot that we had selected was, as we claimed, the site of the home of Robert and Mary (Warren) Bartlet.

Mr. Mercer V. Tilson, our Vice-President, at some expense and a great deal of time, looked up all the land records pertaining thereto, made surveys of the land, and a map drawing of the same, which upon careful examination by Mr. Warren, was accepted by him as conclusive evidence that we were right in respect to our claim.

During the progress of this work, Mr. Warren had made a sale of the land whereon this site was located, to Mr. Charles A. Stone, of Plymouth, upon condition that Mr. Stone should carry out the agreement, which he had practically made with the officers of the Bartlet Society.

On Monday, May 2, 1910, your President and Vice-President met in Boston at the office of Mr. Stone's attorney and an agreement was made whereby a deed has been given and recorded upon the Plymouth Land Records, which gives to the Society the use of a piece of land one hundred feet square, whereon this site is located, with a right of way thereto so long as the Corporation remains in existence.

Your committee concluded that a boulder with a tablet inscription placed thereon would be most appropriate and least expensive. At this time, May 2d, there remained but a little more than a month in which to complete the work before this meeting.

It is very gratifying to announce that it is complete in every detail and our artist has an excellent photograph of the memorial here for your inspection. Your committee believe this memorial worthy of those it is intended to commemorate and of the Society that erected it.

The total cost, including all expenses connected therewith, has been \$186.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. BARTLETT, *Chairman of the Committee.*



BOULDER ERECTED BY THE SOCIETY

## OUR PILGRIM ANCESTORS AND THE DEBT WE OWE THEM

Address delivered on June 16, 1910, before the Society of Descendants  
of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass.

BY MARIAN LONGFELLOW

We are gathered here today, members of the Bartlett family, descendants of Robert Bartlet and Mary Warren, his wife, to tender them our affectionate remembrance and to renew ties of friendship.

It matters not what may be our name today or what other blood may run in our veins beside that of the Bartlet-Warren blood, for we are all of Pilgrim stock and we are here on this special day to honor this line.

For the short time I shall address you I ask you to consider the subject of "Our Pilgrim Ancestors and the Debt We Owe Them."

It was no hazard that brought the Pilgrim to New England, but the unerring hand of Providence willing that they, truly the chosen people of that generation, should come to the shores of New England rather than, as was first planned, to that of Virginia.

Let us consider the Pilgrim collectively before we turn to any one family.

It has been said, and justly so, that "In the cabin of the *Mayflower* the Pilgrims created a government founded upon the eternal truth of the divine rights of humanity, and not upon the baseless assumption of the divine rights of kings."

In the common use of the terms "pilgrim" and "puritan" there has been until within a comparatively recent date, much confusion and a very hazy conception has remained in the minds of many as to wherein that difference lay.

Defining the term "pilgrim," one author says:

"The Pilgrims comprised all members of the Separatists' church of Leyden who voted for the migration to America, whether they were able to go there themselves or not; together with such others as joined their church from England. Membership, intended or actual, in the Pilgrim church was the first qualification; emigration to New England was the second. This membership included the Rev. John Robinson and family, who were unable to leave Leyden. Also thirty-five members of the Leyden church, Leyden, Holland, arriving in Plymouth, New England, in the *Fortune* in November of 1621 and sixty who arrived in the *Ann* (of whom our Robert Bartlet was one) and the *Little James* in August, 1623; the thirty-five with their families who arrived in the *Mayflower's* second voyage, in August, 1629, and the sixty who arrived in the *Handmaid* in May, 1630. It excluded all members of the Pilgrim church who had no wish to go to America; all hired men who went out in the *Mayflower* and did not become members of the church in the Old Colony. So we see that *all* the *Mayflower* passengers were not Pilgrims."

Dr. Alexander Young says:

"Those who came in the first three ships, the *Mayflower*, December, 1620, the *Fortune*, November, 1621, the *Ann* and the *Little James*, August, 1623, are distinctly called the Old Comers or Forefathers, although between 1620 and 1640 upward of 22,000 Puritans sailed from the English and Dutch ports."

Here we find Dr. Young classing them all as Puritans, which is a mistake.

William Griffis says:

"The Pilgrims separated from the church and state. They believed in the right and power of Christian people to govern themselves, and they believed this when it was dangerous, even in England, to broach such an idea. They were hunted out of their land into the Dutch Republic."

Another historian says:

"Many of them were men of education and rank; eminently free from the low and degrading vices of the statesmen of that day; bowed the knee to none but God."

It is this selfsame spirit that we see in a marked degree in the better type of the New Englander of today. The courage of his convictions and the strength to assert and maintain what he believes to be right in the face of every obstacle. It was this unflinching spirit; this placing of right before every other consideration; this self-abnegation that enabled our ancestors to place New England in what is now the forefront of all that makes for the betterment of this country and this age.

The president of one of our New England colleges said, at a banquet given by the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Massachusetts several years ago, that it is to the descendants of the Pilgrim and the Puritan that New England must look for power to right the political abuses of the day.

Of the Pilgrim it has been said that "the Log of the *Mayflower*," as many persons persist in calling Bradford's Journal, which was taken from the Old South Meeting-House at Boston, during the Revolution, and carried to England by the British, but restored to us in 1889 by England, was the Book of Genesis in the history of Massachusetts.

And here let me speak of the belief, so hard to combat, that the Pilgrims came to this new world primarily for the right to worship God as they chose. That might apply to the Puritan; but not to the Pilgrim; but it seems to be a fixed idea in the heads of many. The Pilgrim *had* religious freedom in Holland; he was not compelled to come to America to worship according to his own dictates.

The Pilgrims had another and a very urgent reason for striking out into a new country and being alone as to race. They saw their daughters and sons intermarrying with the people of Holland; they feared that in time the good old English blood of which they were so justly proud, would dwindle to a mere thread to be swallowed up eventually in that of the foreigner. Therefore, to preserve their nationality pure and unmixed and to bring their children up true to that blood they sought the new world.

This is the side of the question which is lost sight of often, indeed generally.

Now that we have considered the stock from which Robert Bartlet and his wife sprung, for I think we should remember the Pilgrim Mothers just as much as the Pilgrim Fathers, let us turn our attention to the Bartlet family and the descendants of the man and woman whom we honor today. Their children are we, and across the centuries that spread between, our thoughts turn lovingly today.

The name of Bartlet now generally, though not always spelled with two t's, has ever been an honored one in history, and that of Warren we know came from the highest rank, being traced back to William I of England, known as William the Conqueror.

You need no word of mine to testify to the positions of honor and trust held by many of the name of Bartlet. Our first ancestor of the name, who came over in the good ship *Ann* in August of 1623, has a long line of whom, could he know them, he might well feel proud. To literature, to science, and to the professions has his blood been given. The great-grandson of Robert Bartlet, Samuel Bartlett, was the great-grandfather of the poet Longfellow, who is as much loved for the beauty and purity of his life as for his genius. The great-great-granddaughter of Robert Bartlet, through another branch of the Bartlets, was Elizabeth Bartlet, wife of General Peleg Wadsworth of Revolutionary fame. She shared his camp life whenever possible, and her first child, a son, died an infant in the camp at Dorchester Heights previous to the evacuation of Boston by the British. The courage and resource of Elizabeth (Bartlet) Wadsworth equalled that of her gallant husband; she was with him when he was captured by the British, after an attack wherein he fought at great odds for his life, but where he was taken prisoner after being wounded and was carried to Fort George at Castine, Me. Her comfort and cheering words upheld him as he was taken from her sight.

Another notable Bartlet was Dr. Josiah Bartlet, of New Hampshire, a physician of high standing; a signer of the



Declaration of Independence; a delegate to the Continental Congress, and who had the honor of placing his name just after that of the President to the paper voting in favor of that document.

A poet has said of him:

“ Amid those picked and chosen men,  
Than his, who here first drew his breath,  
No firmer fingers held the pen,  
That wrote for liberty or death.”

Another son of this line was Thomas Bartlet, who died in 1805, who had been a lieutenant-colonel under General Stark and who was at the surrender of Burgoyne. In later days he was speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

There was John Russell Bartlett, born at Providence, R. I., on October 23, 1815, whom President Zachary Taylor appointed to fix the boundary line between the United States and Mexico, and who was Secretary of State of Rhode Island from 1855-1872.

It is said that in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-65, there were eighty-six Bartletts among the commissioned officers. Of these, William Francis Bartlet, the youngest major-general in the Civil War, attained that honor when but twenty-five years of age, rising, we are told, from the ranks. A statue was erected in his memory in 1904.

Another noted name is that of Truman H. Bartlett, the well-known sculptor; also Samuel Colcord Bartlett, president of Dartmouth College in 1877.

It is likely that I have not mentioned one-twentieth of the good men and true who have been an honor to the name. Judge, then, if you have not reason to be proud of the name of Bartlet.

Our Pilgrim Ancestors! what do we not owe them! Their clean, true outlook upon life which should be, and I trust is ours. Their unfailing response to the “duty nearest at hand,” without which response the duties that may follow can not be adequately or acceptably performed; the throwing into the crucible of the common good of the Colony all that duty demanded; the unwavering will that ordained that all things necessary to the welfare and existence of the colony should be accomplished.

Theirs was the struggle, the privation, the suffering of the pioneer; ours the harvest that has grown from their efforts.

It is particularly fitting, then, that those of us present should set apart one day of the year on which to observe

these exercises of appreciation of our Pilgrim ancestry in general, and of our Robert Bartlet ancestry in particular.

Many of us represent, doubtless, still other descent from that little band of *Mayflower* passengers, but today we are all Bartlets.

John Alden has his Society of "The Alden Kindred of America," in which Priscilla is an honored figure. The Bradford family, the Brewster family, the Winslow family, and others call to their children to come, at least once a year, to their home in Plymouth by the sea. And so we come to Plymouth, Mass., to walk through her quaint streets and to people them in imagination with the men and women who first trod these shores. Yet the Plymouth of today would be a vast and unknown region to the Pilgrims of 1620-30.

Vivacious Priscilla Molines, the Huguenot damsel, whose birthright has been taken from her in the inscription on the memorial shaft in this town; and fair Mary Chilton; grave John Alden, and fiery Myles Standish; Elder Brewster, with locks of snow, and the good Governor Bradford, all seem to greet us as we wander through the old town. That they were sad or sour of demeanor I deny. Nor did they confine the colors of their garments to blacks and greys and dull browns.

We know now that the term "sad" as applied to color meant dark and did not mean what we have supposed earlier. It comprised the rich dark purples and red, also.

We hear, frequently, that this or that article "came over in the *Mayflower*," (I know that has a familiar sound to you !) but such articles as our forefathers and foremothers brought with them to the new world were, as a general thing, such as the average emigrant of decent standing would have been likely to bring. The very simplicity of their surroundings and their possessions brought them into closer touch with Nature and God. And so it is well that we should make a pilgrimage to Plymouth by the sea, at least once a year, that we may carry back to our busy lives the memory of that simplicity and of something sweeter and truer and purer than comes into our daily lot the rest of the year.

Particularly is it right that we should seek to honor our Pilgrim ancestors rather than to make cheap capital for ourselves by claims of "uncommon descent" or personal glorification, and herein lies our debt.

Let us remember

"They that on glorious ancestry enlarge  
Proclaim their debt instead of their discharge."

It is not sufficient that we should spread abroad that you, and you, and I have descended from good and noble men and women; we must strive to uphold, as a beacon, the lives of the Pilgrims, that like unto the rays streaming from the lighthouse set upon the rock, pouring their glory over the turbulent waves and guiding into safe harbor some storm-tossed passenger, others may profit thereby.

Our good old English ancestry is something of which to be proud. The solid qualities of body and mind inherited therefrom shall stand us in good stead, as they have always done, in time of stress.

The descendants of Robert Bartlet and Mary Warren, his wife, must not be slaves nor ne'er-do-wells, nor criminal in any respect. *Noblesse oblige*, that grand old French motto (and Mary Warren also was of French descent) is as incumbent upon us today as in the days of the early struggles of our Pilgrim ancestors.

The ermine is said to die if aught soils its fur. The descendants of the Pilgrim should rather welcome death than dishonor of any description.

I know this may be considered a strained view; that it may be said that we cannot live in this world as if we were already inhabitants of heaven; but, believe me, the paltry concessions to self-gain, self-advancement, self in any of its aspects, is fatal to the spirit of the Pilgrim. His was not to be the "fulness of the earth"; rather was he, the Pilgrim in fact as well as in name, one to whom of necessity must come hardship, endurance, lack of luxury; to whom life was but a sojourn at best, and rest a far-away goal.

What is our *Debt*? I take it to be that we must not only hold their example and lives up to the emulation of others but that we must so live, ourselves, that we may be worthy of the inestimable gift of our Pilgrim heritage!

And especially do we owe a duty toward the "stranger within our gates"; to those other emigrants to our land, ignorant, illiterate, stolid, seeking the betterment of their former lot from a selfish viewpoint only; susceptible to influence, however, whether good or bad, and whose children are to bear the responsibilities as well as the joys of American citizenship in the future.

Methinks could Robert Bartlet speak to us in the flesh today he would ask that we, secure in our own honored descent from men and women of sterling virtue, should hold out a helping hand to these emigrants of a later day who come to us in poverty and rags; in ignorance, and, alas, oftentimes in vice; he would admonish us to polish the rough stone as does the lapidary until what at first seemed low and vile and use-

less shall become a jewel worthy the setting in the diadem of our glorious republic.

Consider well if this be not one way of paying in part the *Debt* we owe our Pilgrim ancestors? The things of this earth, the things most valued in this day of material objects — wealth, position, consideration, preferment, all sink into insignificance when we look back to the Pilgrim to whom all these things were as dross compared with the dignity, the beauty, the holiness of effort to live an upright life acceptable to his Maker, and to be a helper to well-living rather than to be a cumberer of the earth.

Through all time that solitary but dignified figure of the Pilgrim stands forth an object of veneration and emulation and shall so stand while this Republic lives.

He, together with his brother, the Puritan, framed the laws that have made these New England states of ours famous for good government and equity. The country town-meeting, said to be the best form of government in the world, was brought by the Pilgrim from Holland and earlier had flourished in Germany. In the "town-meeting" every abuse is aired and every member present has the opportunity to place his grievance before the tribunal. There was no "one-man power" there, but the right and the power of individual conception of duty, and from that but one step to its enforcement.

One of the most startling features of the day is the sudden rise to power of the foreign element, and the shameless traffic in offices and emoluments. A rise to power brought about by the excess of votes among those who are not fit as yet for the franchise; and, I regret deeply to say, by the supineness of the better class element on "voting day."

Boston, the heart of the former Puritan settlement, has fallen a prey to the invader and that because of his numbers and his determination to attain power no matter by what means, and to hold it, regardless of the rights and best interests of the whole; a determination all the stronger because balked in his native land. I do not care what his nativity, the uneducated but rapacious emigrant is a menace to American interest and American life.

It becomes us, then, to strive earnestly to educate, in every direction possible, the youthful immigrant in patriotism and love of the new country which has received him, irrespective of ties across the sea. He must be taught and must learn that having chosen the United States as his own he may not scheme and connive and seek the interest of the country he has forsaken, though it be the land of his birth, to the detriment of the one he has adopted. That his first loyalty is to

these United States; that he can not serve two masters; that to antagonize and attempt to embroil this country with others for the benefit of his former country may not and shall not be permitted; that he must accord to other immigrants the rights he would often reserve for himself alone. To accomplish this, we must reach the children, for the older men and women, who will in time pass away, have come to this country purely for self-aggrandizement and nothing else; while their offspring may be taught the pure love of country and honor for the flag under which they live, that no other sentiment can equal. This, surely, is a part of the *Debt* we owe our Pilgrim ancestors.

But while we are keen to note the plants that should flourish in our neighbor's garden we must see to it that we keep our own in order. We must weed out all that is un-American; we must trim our hedges so that they shall present an orderly appearance, bearing no ill-judged criticisms of others to offend; no preaching to others what we do not ourselves follow.

A pure democracy — "the greatest good for the greatest number," should be our motto, and in this I do not refer to politics, but to ethics. There was no favor shown the rich as against the poor among our Pilgrim ancestors. It was the man, not his worldly possessions that decided their valuation of him. But they required that he be a *man*, a *freeman*, in order to be a church-member and an office-holder. Thus they differentiated between the mental attainments, and the sodden indifference of the one who had no aim, no incentive but self-gain. They desired no weaklings; no incompetents in their fold; theirs was the gauge of moral endowment, not the possession of temporal wealth. Therefore they never fell into the error of worshipping Baal and never served their God with one hand and the world with the other.

Many jests are told at the expense of the Pilgrim and Plymouth Rock.

"Plymouth Rock" was a term cited as a quality which would bear any amount of hard usage and come out intact. Years ago it was adopted by a firm of tailors and was applied to a certain garment which was warranted to stand any amount of wear and tear. The boy who was provided with a pair of "Plymouth Rocks" might defy Fate and, what was more to the point, an irate father with impunity!

"Plymouth Rock" was also given to a special breed of fowls. This reminds me of the story of the man who, dining at a certain restaurant in one of our large cities, called the waiter to him and said:

"What kind of chicken do you call this, waiter?"

"That, sir," replied the waiter, "is I believe a 'Plymouth Rock'."

The man said: " Ah, I'm glad it's got some *historic interest*. I thought it was an ordinary cobblestone ! "

And, again, to that story which ex-Representative Samuel Powers of Massachusetts is so fond of telling, and of which I shall quote only the concluding portion, as you have doubtless heard it.

An inquisitive Yankee was asking innumerable questions of a somewhat pompous Southerner who had answered the questions to a considerable extent. After a while the Virginian felt that he had given the Yankee all the data concerning his own private affairs which his questioner had any right to know, if not more, said:

" And where, sah, may I ask, do you come from? "

" Plymouth, Massachusetts," was the reply.

" Well, sah," responded the Southerner with considerable feeling, " if Plymouth Rock had landed upon the Pilgrims, instead of the Pilgrims upon Plymouth Rock, it would have been better for the world in general and for the South in particular."

Which shows that there are conflicting views both as to the Pilgrim and Plymouth Rock.

I am not sure of the exact words of this story, as I heard Mr. Powers tell it some years ago, but I have retained a remembrance of the essential points and I have no doubt that he is telling the anecdote still !

If the ever-increasing evils of the age; the sale of offices; the bribery of a legislator; the purchase of a judiciary; the crushing out of the lives of the poor; the speculation in the necessities of life, such as wheat, milk, and other articles, is to be successfully fought, it must be by the renewed spirit of the Pilgrims; it must be an outgrowth of the ardor of justice that is a large ingredient of the blood of those ancestors of ours now coursing through our veins. No people on the face of the earth ever more fully demonstrated the fact that " Right and one make a Majority," than did our Pilgrim ancestors. They never paused to consider whether any act they contemplated was " politic"; whether they would be in the end a gainer or loser by it. No; their first thought was " is it right?" That proven to their satisfaction all else was of little moment.

You may say, " But they had so little temptation to do wrong." How may we judge their temptations? Temptation comes from within, not without, and the whole kingdom of evil as well as of good is within each one of us.

The Pilgrim's safety lay in his determination to do " the duty nearest him," as I have said, and after that all was clear.

Let us, then, as we gather here, today, resolve each one to study more closely that lovely singleness of purpose evinced by the Pilgrim, and of which our own Robert Bartlet was an example, and we will find life in all its lines easier, simpler, and more satisfying.

I fear I may have made my little talk more sombre than the occasion deserved, and that where I should "have sung a song," I have "preached a sermon"; but however that may be, I trust that you will believe that I am entirely one with you in your aims and wishes for the due appreciation of our honored ancestors, Robert Bartlet and Mary Warren, his wife, and for the continual well-being and closer friendship of The Society of The Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass.

MARIAN LONGFELLOW.

#### FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Fourth Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Society of the Descendants of Robert and Mary (Warren) Bartlet will be held in the Chapel of the Methodist Church, corner of Court and Brewster Streets, Plymouth, Massachusetts, on Saturday, August 12, 1911.

The chapel is only a short walk from the railroad station and right on the electric car line, and will be open all day for the convenience of those who attend.

The meeting will come to order at 10 a. m., for the transaction of business, as follows:

1. Opening Exercise.
2. Song, — "Summer is Here" *J. W. Bischoff*  
Miss Mary A. Hopkins, Weymouth, Mass.  
(Madame Barlow, of Boston, Accompanist.)
3. Roll Call of Members.
4. Reading of Secretary's Record of the Previous Meeting.
5. Reports of Officers and Committees.
6. Election of Officers.
7. New Business.

At 12 m. lunch will be served in Wesleyan Hall by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church—price per plate, fifty cents.

The afternoon exercises will be held at the Memorial Site, weather permitting; otherwise at the Chapel. Electric cars will leave the Chapel at 1 p. m.

## PROGRAM

Song — "The Golden Pathway" *Hamilton Gray*

Miss Mary A. Hopkins

A Paper — "The Ancestry of the Warrens," by the President,  
Lucius Warren Bartlett of Hartford, Conn.

A Review of the History of the Society by the Historian,  
Mrs. Marian Longfellow of Boston.

Short Addresses by —

Mrs. Flora S. Matthewson, of South Braintree, Mass.

*Secretary of the Alden Kindred of America.*

Mr. George Warren Tower, of South Boston, Mass.

*President of the Tower Genealogical Society.*

Rev. George A. Smith, of Boston, Mass.

*Secretary of the American Society of Colonial Families.*

Five-Minute Letters by Members.

Closing Song — "Home, Sweet Home" *J. Howard Payne*

Miss Mary A. Hopkins

Every descendant of Robert Bartlett, who can possibly do so, is urged to be present this year.

Our program, both instructive and entertaining, is the most complete of any we have ever been able to offer.

The place, the occasion, and the literary exercises, all combine as never before to give inspiration to all who may attend and make them feel, we think, that it was good to be there.

*Come.* Invite your friends to come, and bring this program with you.

LUCIUS WARREN BARTLETT, *President.*

MRS. ERMINA BARTLETT SUHANEK, *Secretary.*

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

*Members of the Bartlett Family and Friends:* — I take pleasure in welcoming you to this our Fourth Annual Reunion. The question has recurred to me often during the past year, why do we thus meet, and for what purpose? A very pertinent question, it seems to me. I do not believe that any of us are here simply "Because we're here." The question, like many others, is more easily asked than answered, therefore I will not take much of your time in attempting it, for the reason we have others with us today who are much more capable and will address you later. Several different motives have probably actuated most of us present. For those



who have never before visited this, the most historic spot in this broad land of ours, it is a magnet most powerful; and for those who have been here many times, they do not seem to tire, as witness the hundreds of visitors who annually make their pilgrimage to this Mecca of New England, if not of all America. To many others the social side is the great attraction of this and similar gatherings, where those of kindred blood may take a day or two of pleasure and relaxation from the daily round of toil, which is the lot of most of us. To clasp the hand, exchange salutations, and make the acquaintance of those, who having descended from a common ancestry, we meet here for the first time, and, alas, in too many instances, for the last time, until we meet in that other sphere beyond the transition which we call death.

Especially attractive should these reunions be to those who can lay claim to such a heritage as has descended to us all from the Pilgrims of the *Mayflower*, the *Fortune*, and the *Ann*. But above and beyond and rooted far deeper in the human breast than all the things I have mentioned, is the spirit of patriotism. And, whether fully conscious of it or not, it seems to me that patriotism is the underlying motive that brings us together here, and the rock upon which the foundation of the Bartlett and other kindred societies must be built in order that they may endure. A patriotism that shall preserve and hand down to our posterity that priceless heritage which has been bequeathed to us. What, then, becomes our duty that we may be honored by those who come after us, even as we honor those who have gone before?

Every age and every generation have their work to do. Superstition, bigotry, injustice, and wrong, still exist. Selfishness and greed are yet the ruling passions of the world, so that eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty. If there is a person here who thinks if he had the opportunity, such as came to his sires in the war for Independence, or the Civil war, what a hero and patriot he would become, let me say to that person, there are serious evils existing in this country today that, unless checked, will slowly but surely undermine and destroy this heritage of ours. There never was more need of moral heroes and patriots in this Republic than at the present moment. The opportunity is right at hand and knocking at your door. Remember also that it requires sterner stuff and more undaunted courage to be a moral than a military, hero. The field of activity for military heroes is limited, but for moral heroes it is world-wide. The fields are white unto the harvest, but the reapers are few.

In conclusion, to impress upon your minds the thought I have been trying to express, I will read a few lines culled

from one of James Russell Lowell's poems, entitled "A Glance Behind the Curtain."

"New times demand new measures and new men !  
The world advances and in time outgrows  
The laws that in our father's day were best !  
And doubtless after us, some purer scheme  
Will be shaped out by wiser men than we,  
Made wiser by the steady growth of truth.

We cannot hale Utopia on by force !  
But better almost be at work in sin,  
Than in a brute inaction browse and sleep,  
No man is born into the world whose work  
Is not born with him ! there is always work,  
And tools to work withal, for those who will,  
And blessed are the horny hands of toil !  
The busy world shoves angrily aside  
The man who stands with arms akimbo set,  
Until occasion tells him what to do !  
And he who waits to have his task marked out,  
Shall die and leave his errand unfulfilled.

One age moves onward and the next builds up  
Cities and gorgeous palaces where stood  
The rude log huts of those who tamed the wild,  
Rearing from out the forests they had felled,  
The goodly framework of a fairer state,  
Let us speak plain ! there is more force in names  
Than most men dream of ! and a lie may keep  
Its throne a whole age longer if it skulk  
Behind the shield of some fair seeming name.  
Let us call tyrants TYRANTS and maintain  
That only freedom comes by grace of God,  
And all that comes not by his grace must fall !  
For men in earnest have no time to waste  
In patching fig-leaves for the naked truth."

#### RECORD OF THE THIRD BARTLETT REUNION, June 16, 1910

The Third Annual Reunion of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass., was held in the Chapel of the Methodist Church, corner of Court and Brewster Streets, Plymouth, Mass., on Thursday, June 16, 1910. A cloudy sky with a gentle rain part of the day, kept many from attending, but it failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the members who did assemble, nearly fifty in number.

At 11 a. m. the meeting was called to order, the president, Mr. Lucius Warren Bartlett, of Hartford, Conn., presiding. With a few words of greeting he welcomed members and friends to this our "Home Coming to the old Historic Town of Plymouth; the Parent Homestead of our Bartlett Family."

Miss Isabelle M. Bartlett was appointed to assist the Secretary, by attending to the registering of members in the Journal and the collection of the yearly dues.

The Record of the previous meeting, August 27, 1909, by Mrs. Eugenia F. Bartlett Lovell, Secretary, *pro tem*, was read by your Secretary, Mrs. Ermina Bartlett Suhanek, and accepted. The Treasurer's report was also submitted and accepted.

Envelopes with blanks were distributed to the members for contributions or pledges toward defraying the expenses of incorporation, securing the Memorial Tablet, etc. The sum of \$42.00 was contributed and \$5.00 pledged at that time.

A roll-call of members succeeded these reports, after which the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

With one exception the officers of the previous year were unanimously re-elected, as follows:

Lucius Warren Bartlett, Hartford, Conn., *President*.

Mercer V. Tilson, South Hanson, Mass., *First Vice-President*.

Charles H. Bartlett, Dorchester, Mass., *Second Vice-President*.

Mrs. Ermina B. Suhanek, of Holyoke, Mass., *Secretary and Treasurer*.

Mrs. Marian Longfellow, Brookline, Mass., *Historian*.

Reference was made to some important maps executed by Mr. Mercer V. Tilson, our First Vice-President, showing that portion of the town of Plymouth where Robert Bartlett owned land and lived.

Mr. D. S. Burrell, of Brockton, Mass., had some fine photographs of the memorial tablet for sale (two styles with a postal card).

No further business being presented at 12.30 the meeting adjourned for dinner, which was served by the Ladies' Aid Association of the Methodist Church, in Wesleyan Hall. After our appetites has been appeased by a bountiful collation and all seemed in good spirits, the clouds were dispelled long enough for our artist to secure a good photograph of the members present, on the lawn in front of the church.

At 2 p. m. all were assembled in the church. The President introduced Mrs. Marian Longfellow, niece of the poet Longfellow and a descendant of Robert Bartlett, who gave the address of the occasion. Her subject, "Our Pilgrim Ancestors and the Debt We Owe Them," was most thoroughly and skilfully expounded and every one must have felt rewarded for journeying to the meeting by listening to that alone. The manuscript she very kindly presented to the

Society and the address with newspaper accounts of the Reunion is appended to this report.

A report of the President in regard to having the Society incorporated was made as follows:

"At the Reunion held at Manomet, August 27, 1909, a letter was read from Mr. Charles H. Warren, of Providence, R. I., granting us the privilege of erecting a memorial to mark the site of the home of Robert and Mary (Warren) Bartlet, and it was voted at this meeting to proceed to erect the memorial.

In opening the negotiations with Mr. Warren about the land, he requested that the Society be incorporated, preferring to do business with a legally constituted body. In compliance therewith the necessary steps were taken, a form of agreement prepared, and on December 11, 1909, the signers of the agreement, upon proper notice, met at the Parker House in Boston, and completed the work by adopting a set of by-laws, electing officers, as required by the Statutes, and on December 30, 1909, the charter was granted. Accordingly all that remains to be done is for the Society to vote to dissolve the old Society and accept the Charter."

This report was accepted and in accordance therewith it was voted to dissolve the old Society and accept the Charter.

Thanks were extended to Mrs. Longfellow for her very able and interesting paper.

After the address, remarks were made by the President, Second Vice-President, and others. Before closing a vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Sarah S. Bartlet, the retiring Historian, for her faithful research in the interest of the Society, also to the church committee, and the Ladies' Aid for the use of the church and their fine entertainment. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ERMINA BARTLETT SUHANEK, *Secretary*.

# TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1910-11

## RECEIPTS

Membership fees, at .50		\$47.50
Contributions toward expense of Memorial Tablet:		
Mr. Lucius Warren Bartlett	\$50.00	
Mrs. Lucius Warren Bartlett	50.00	
Mrs. Ermina B. Suhanek	50.00	
Mrs. Marian Longfellow	5.00	
Mrs. Moses Simmons	2.00	
Mrs. Martha B. Morton	1.00	
Mr. Ephraim D. Bartlett	1.00	
Mrs. Mary Bird Keith	1.00	
Mrs. Anna B. Johnson	1.00	
Mr. Roland F. Tillson	1.00	
Mrs. Flora B. Ulrich	1.00	
Miss Helen Bird	1.00	
Mr. W. Ellery Bird	.50	
Mr. Henry M. Bird	.50	
Miss Lucy Kilbourne	.50	
Mrs. Susan J. Hopkins	.50	
Miss Mary A. Hopkins	.50	
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Pratt	.50	
Mrs. Madeline B. Hoyt	.50	
A Friend	.50	
	\$168.00	\$168.00
Total receipts		\$215.50
Balance due Treasury		91.89
		<u>\$307.39</u>

## EXPENDITURES

To Bartlett Engraving Co.	\$2.31
" Smith, Lindsley Co. for 300 circular letters	5.00
" " " " 550 copies roster }	30.00
" " " " 550 notice slips }	
" " " " 300 letter-heads	3.50
" " " " 600 note circulars	5.00
" " " " 600 4-pp. programs	8.00
" Mrs. E. B. Suhanek, envelopes and postage	3.14
" Smith, Lindsley Co., 300 letter-heads	3.50
" L. W. Bartlett for guarantee to Ladies' Aid and janitor service	7.50
" " " " recording deed	.65
" " " " Secretary's supplies	6.50
" " " " envelopes and postage	12.82
" " " " Historian's expenses from Boston to Holyoke and return	4.80
" " " " expense of mailing list	1.20
" " " " envelopes and postage	9.84
Total expenses	<u>\$103.76</u>
Deficit at last Report	203.63
	<u>\$307.39</u>

Itemized bills approved by the Executive Committee accompany this Report.

Respectfully submitted,

ERMINA B. SUHANEK, *Treasurer.*

NOTE.— The greater part of this deficit of \$91.89 is due to the sending out of the Roster, with a letter asking for contributions toward the expense of the tablet. From the four hundred sent out we received two responses of fifty cents each. The foregoing contributions were made previous to the sending out of the letters.

SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF  
ROBERT BARTLET OF  
PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

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HISTORIAN'S ADDRESS, AUGUST 12, 1911

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History keeps alive the Nation, the State, and the Family. When a nation declines, History pauses, and when a nation dies, History no longer attends.

We may, therefore, grasp the power and the worth of a people by what History holds aloft upon its scroll concerning that people. It behooves us, then, as a Society bound together by ties of common ancestry, — Robert Bartlet and Mary Warren, his wife, — to keep ever before our eyes the tale told at fireside hearths and by the softened glow of the candle, in years gone by. History has enrolled the name of Bartelot, later grown into Bartlet and Bartlett, on the annals of glorious deeds. Adam Bartelot, our first ancestor, came into England with William the Conqueror. In the fifteenth century a castle was added as crest for valor of John Bartelot in capturing the tower of Fontenoy, and he was allowed ever after to use that tower as a crest. To this was added another crest, in the sixteenth century — a swan, in token of the right to keep swans, those graceful and beautiful creatures, on the classic and memorable stream, the Avon, by one of the Bartlets.

The first Bartelot lives in the reflection of brave and gallant deeds; the record of the man for whom our Society is named and the Society itself must hold to the hand of History "lest we forget" and, mayhap, be forgotten!

The deeds of Robert Bartlet were not heralded like those of his ancestors, John Bartelot, by blare of trumpet or by outburst of applause. Robert Bartlet walked in quieter ways, though not less heroic, for he was one of the "Builders" of a new nation and was destined to mold the opinions of his day.

We, his descendants, gathered together first on Thursday, August 13, 1908, at 10 a. m., in the town of Brockton, Mass., and the first meeting was called for the "descendants of Benjamin Bartlett, who settled in Stoughton, Mass., about 1750."

It was through the instrumentality of a descendant of that Benjamin Bartlet son of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Lucius Warren Bartlett, that this Society became a living thing. The call to this meeting was issued from Hartford, Conn., on July 10, 1908.

Lucius Warren Bartlett, of Hartford, Conn., our honored President, and the strong tower of reliance to this Society, was desirous to honor his own line, that of Joseph, and thus he called the meeting in that form. Later he saw that the Society must go back to the fountain head in America, and the Society became not the society of the descendants of this or that son of the original emigrant but the society of the descendants of the man who was the first of his line to come to the new world.

Lucius Warren Bartlett is a very modest as well as a very energetic man, and it will be a trial to him to be compelled to listen to what I shall have to say to you concerning him a little later on, for he shuns encomium and seeks not to vaunt his own good deeds, but rather to cover them from sight. But with the duties and responsibilities of his position as the head of such a Society as this comes a certain publicity that he may not escape. Of him and of his work this paper will contain a record.

We find him in the picture which bears the following printed explanation underneath it:—"First annual outing at Brockton, Mass., August 13, 1908, of the Society of the Descendants of ROBERT BARTLET, First, of Plymouth, who came over in the Ship *Ann* in 1623." We find him, not in the foreground of this picture, but modestly at one side, and the only "prominent" feature that shows what he has done for the Society is his *hands*; good, firm, capable hands that have held the rudder of the good ship "Robert Bartlet" in its voyage so far, and which we hope may continue to so hold it for many a year to come.

The photographer who shows up all our defects, or all our points, with cruel distinctness has emphasized those hands to an appalling extent physically; metaphorically those hands have been large indeed in their power and helpfulness toward the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth.

It becomes my duty to speak a little more of Manomet than to merely mention it as the place where the Bartletts held their second reunion.

Manomet is a charming seaside village in the historic old town of Plymouth, one of the journals of the day tells us, and White Horse Beach the finest of Plymouth's beaches, and but a minute's walk from Hotel Crescent.







In 1628 Robert Bartlet married Mary Warren, a daughter of the emigrant, Richard Warren, one of the signers of the "Mayflower Compact," and thus two old families, both of which entered England under the standard of William the Conqueror, were united. Robert Bartlet lived at Manomet; here he held property and here he died. Only a short walk across the fields, the paper goes on to relate, is the second Bartlet house built by Robert's son, Joseph, in 1680. It was at this meeting that the descendants of Robert Bartlet voted to erect a suitable memorial on the spot where the original Bartlet home once stood, at the foot of the Pine Hills, near Eel River. I wonder how many persons who have for years turned to "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations" for information, know that its author, John Bartlett, was a descendant of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth. John Bartlett was of the eighth generation.

James Russell Lowell has written most beautifully of June. He says, "What is so rare as a day in June!" We hope such days as June 16 and 17 of the year of Our Lord, 1910, when the third reunion was held, are rare! In fact, they may be said to have been positively raw! Those of us who did not get soaked with rain on June 16 at the Reunion of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, finished the job at Hingham the next day at the Reunion of the Tower Genealogical Society, with a devotion to detail that was nothing short of pathetic! Those who attended both meetings, last year, will, I am sure, bear me out in this statement.

Among the objects of interest seen at the third reunion was an iron "fire-back," bearing the date of 1660. This was imported from England, originally by Joseph Bartlet (2) son of Robert (1).

Joseph, who married in 1660, went to Manomet Ponds, now South Plymouth, built a home, and settled there. In 1680 he built another home at Manomet, a view of which has already been shown in this report, under the second reunion. Sometime later the original house fell into the hands of Charles Dana Bartlett (8) and Hosea C. Bartlett (8) sons of Charles Bartlett (7) who lived in this house for fifty years. Sometime later Hosea C. Bartlett tore down his half of the old homestead, and Charles Dana Bartlett removed his half further up the road, and it was still standing in June of 1910. It was while removing the chimney that the fire-back was discovered, and in 1880 sold by Charles Dana Bartlett to A. M. Harrison, of the United States Coast Survey, and by him bequeathed to Miss Sarah Achsah Bartlett of Plymouth.

In connection with Mr. Tilson's work it should be stated that he contributed some important maps showing that portion of Plymouth which Robert Bartlet owned when he lived there.

The following is a copy of the letter which the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth was instructed to write to Mr. Charles H. Warren and Mr. Charles A. Stone.

*Dear Sir:*—The Secretary of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet, of Plymouth, Mass., has been instructed to write you a letter of appreciation and thanks for conveying to them the right to erect a Boulder with a suitable tablet thereon, on a lot of land one hundred feet square, comprising the site of the home of Robert and Mary (Warren) Bartlet, together with the "right of way" to and from said lot to the Manomet road.

Such Memorial has been erected and a copy of this letter of acknowledgement ordered placed upon the records of the Society.

Respectfully yours,

(MRS.) ERMINA BARTLETT SUHANEK.

In closing what may have been a long and somewhat tedious report, let me voice the hope that we may so wield the influence that is ours, and so cherish and amplify the commendable virtues displayed in the lives of our ancestors that our children's children, and their children's children in turn, may point to this Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet and Mary Warren, his wife, as having been a potent factor in the preservation and conservation of all that should be the true American's proudest boast — descent from honorable men and women; life that shall preserve the integrity of that descent, and a hopeful looking forward to that work being carried on by a posterity that shall in no whit lack the virtues, the ideals, and the achievements of their *Pilgrim*, their *Puritan*, and their *Huguenot* ancestry.

MARIAN LONGFELLOW.

The Historian's address was followed by a paper by the President, entitled:

## THE WARRENS

BY LUCIUS WARREN BARTLETT

Reviewing an article on Richard Warren, Twelfth Signer, in a work entitled, "The Mayflower Signers," by Annie Arnoux Haxtun. Reprinted from the *Mail and Express*, New York, 1896.

Mrs. Haxtun's article is founded, I think, mainly (for no authorities are quoted) on a chart of the Harlerian Society of

Visitations of the county of Devonshire, England, dated 1620, which she has incorporated in her article.

She commences as follows: "Stern facts must be accepted in writing history." This is a statement to which we will all agree, therefore I will incorporate here the same chart of the Harlerian Society.

Mrs. Haxtun proceeds thus: "Willing or otherwise the records prove that Richard Warren the Pilgrim cannot be placed in any certainty in regard to his family relations, before his advent in the colonies as one of the Mayflower Pilgrims. Certain it is" (please note what she says is certain) "that he came in this ship and was followed later on by his wife Elizabeth and his daughters."

Mrs. Haxtun further says, "The confusion in regard to him arises from the fact that there was another Warren in the colonies and who had the honor of being the son of Christopher Warren, and the pleasure of having Elizabeth Jouat, widow of — Marsh for his wife.

"There the story as told us of the Pilgrim ends, their children being John and Richard."

Before proceeding further let us see what this chart of Visitations says. Richard Warren (22) of Greenwich, in Kent, son of Christopher (21) and Alice (Webb) Warren, married Elizabeth Jouat relict of — Marsh and had Richard and John.

Now, if stern facts must be accepted, as Mrs. Haxtun says, it occurs to me that if Richard Warren the Pilgrim was not the son of Christopher and Alice (Webb) Warren who as she says "Was followed later on by his wife Elizabeth and his daughters," then his wife Elizabeth who came in the *Ann* was *not* Elizabeth Jouat, widow of — Marsh, who, according to the chart, married Richard Warren (22) son of Christopher, and further that the Richard Warren (22) who did marry Elizabeth Jouat must have been the other Warren in the colonies, who had the honor of being the son of Christopher and of having Elizabeth Jouat Marsh for his wife.

Mrs. Haxtun has thus created two families, Richard the Pilgrim and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of somebody, who came in the *Ann* with her daughters, and Richard Warren, son of Christopher, who did marry Elizabeth Jouat relict of Marsh and came to the colonies sometime and somewhere and had two sons in England, John and Richard.

To quote further she says, "Richard and Joseph repeat themselves in both families," (referring, I suppose, to the families just mentioned) "then there is Nathaniel's."

Again she says, "Why should he not have been Richard Warren recorded as sheriff of Coventry, 1610, having five

daughters to come out with their mother in the *Ann*, fits into the necessary maturity."

It seems to me there is no maturity into which to fit, except that of her own creation, which was wholly unnecessary.

Mrs. Haxtun says, "The two families of Warren unite very naturally in the fact that the Pilgrim descendant, General James Warren the Revolutionary officer and President of the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts, succeeded General Joseph Warren of Bunker Hill fame, a member of the other family in office.

Who were the two families of General James Warren and General Joseph Warren? Davis's "Landmarks of Plymouth," gives the ancestry of James Warren (5) born in Plymouth, Mass., September 28, 1726, and married in 1754 Mercy Otis, sister of James Otis, as James Warren (4), James Warren (3), Nathaniel Warren (2), Richard Warren (1). The "History of Roxbury, Massachusetts," by Francis S. Drake, published in 1878, gives the ancestry of General Joseph Warren (5) of Bunker Hill fame as Joseph Warren (4), Joseph Warren (3), Peter Warren (2), John Warren (1), of Boston, who came with Governor Winthrop in the *Arbella* and arrived in Salem 12th June, 1630.

Mrs. Haxtun in conclusion says, "That the Warrens lead straight to the Mayflower, though repetition of names in the two families makes the title a very puzzling one, but there need be no doubt of the claim presented by those bearing the name of Otis, Winslow, Walker, Doty, Bradford, and many others scattered the world over. Again the matter must be left to the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Their good work is progressing, fed by the knowledge gained from each seeker for enrolment on the list of members." Mrs. Haxtun thus practically admits she knew but little about it and leaves the matter for others to settle.

Upon inquiring of a correspondent what the name of this other Warren was who came to the colonies and had the pleasure of having Widow Elizabeth Jouat Marsh for his wife I received the following reply: "The name of the other Warren was Richard. The authority states that he did not come in the *Mayflower*, that he was the son of Christopher, and strange to relate he and his wife died about the same time and were of the same age as Richard the Pilgrim and his wife."

To my mind it is a preposterous story that there were two Richard Warrens of the same generation, who came to the colonies about 1620, who had wives both of whose names were Elizabeth, that the two Richards and the two Elizabeths died about the same time, and that Richard, the son

of Christopher and his wife, and Richard the Pilgrim and his wife, were the same age when they died.

The coincidence, if it did happen, I predict never had its parallel before and never will again in the history of the world.

I desire now briefly to call your attention to what genealogists and others have written in relation to the Warrens to show that there was not another Richard Warren named of that generation except the *Mayflower* Pilgrim. The next one mentioned was Richard, son of Nathaniel, who was son of Richard the Pilgrim. We do not find another Richard Warren until we come to the seventh generation from the *Mayflower*; so much in relation to the confusion of names.

I quote first from a book entitled "The Wheelers and The Warrens," compiled by Henry Warren Wheeler, Joel Munson's Sons, publishers, Albany, N. Y., 1892: John Warren, Boston, Mass., 1630, through Ebenezer Warren, Leicester, Mass., 1744. Emigrants of this name settled in Plymouth, Watertown, and Boston, but no proof has been discovered of a connection between these families.

Richard was the first of the name to settle in America. He came in the *Mayflower* and settled in Plymouth. John came from England to Watertown in 1630 and another John settled in Boston the same year. Among the Virginia colonists also there were two Warrens, Joseph, who came from England in the ship *Alice* in 1635 and afterwards settled in New England, and John, who came in 1635 in the *Plaine Joan*. John Warren of Boston came with Governor Winthrop in the *Arbella* and arrived in Salem 12th June, 1630. The name John Warren appears in the first list of those who took the Freeman's oath 18th of May, 1631.

This John was doubtless the father of Peter, whose eldest son was named John. Peter Warren, born in 1628, purchased land in Boston 8th March, 1659 and is there styled Mariner. He married Sarah, daughter of Robert Tucker of Dorchester, 1st August, 1660. Children of Sarah and Peter Warren: John, Joseph, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Robert, Ebenezer, and Peter. Children of Peter and Hannah Warren (2d wife): Hannah, Mary, Robert. Not a Richard in this list!

"History of Roxbury, Massachusetts," by Francis S. Drake, published 1878, page 212: The Warren estate was bought in 1687 by Joseph Warren (3), Peter (2), John (1). The Warren homestead was built by Joseph Warren (3) in 1720. In November, 1805, it came into the possession of Dr. John C. Warren (5), Joseph (4), Joseph (3), Peter (2), John (1).

Joseph Warren (4) and Mary (Stevens) Warren had four sons: Joseph (5), Samuel (5), Ebenezer (5), John (5). Three of these sons, Joseph, Ebenezer, and John were in the battle of Lexington.

Ebenezer W. Pierce in his book published 1874, "Historical, Genealogical, and Biographical," gives an account of the genealogy of the Warrens, for which he says he was mainly indebted to Dr. John C. Warren (5), being the result of his labors while in Europe in 1851. Dr. John stated that John Warren (22 on the chart), brother of Richard and son of Christopher (21) came to America. Referring to the book "The Warrens and The Wheelers," we find three Johns mentioned: John came from England to Watertown in 1630 and another John settled in Boston the same year, and John who came in 1635 in the ship *Plaine Joan* and settled in Virginia. I leave it for others to decide which of the three Johns, if either, was John Warren (22) son of Christopher (21), who Dr. John Warren (5) says came to America.

What I wish you in particular to observe is that in all the history not a Warren by the name of Richard appears except the *Mayflower* Pilgrim.

In conclusion, first let me call your attention to the Richard and John on the chart, sons of Richard Warren and Widow Elizabeth (Jouat) Marsh. Elizabeth Warren, wife of Richard, died in Plymouth in 1673, aged ninety years, making her forty years old when she came in the *Ann* with her five daughters. The father came alone and three years later the mother came with the five daughters. The sons Richard and John must have been nearly twenty years old and remained in England so far as any records show.

Therefore, I believe, not finding any record whatever to the contrary that Richard Warren (22), the *Mayflower* Pilgrim, was the son of Christopher Warren (21) and his wife was Widow Elizabeth (Jouat) Marsh, and their children were Richard, John, Mary, Ann, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Abigail, born in England, and Nathaniel and Joseph, born in Plymouth, Mass. Nathaniel was married in 1645, and Joseph was married in 1651. There is nothing to militate against this statement. On the contrary all the circumstances and records so far as I have been able to discover substantiate in the most convincing manner the conclusion to which I have arrived.

## CHART

Copied from the Chart of the Harlerian Society of Visitations of the county of Devonshire, England, date of 1620.

- 18 John Warren of Hedbury in the parish of Ashburton.
- 19 Christopher Warren son and heir.
- 20 William Warren married Ann daughter of Thomas Mable of Carlstooke in Cornwall.

### CHILDREN

- 21 Christopher Warren son and heir, married Alice, daughter of Thomas Webb of Sidnam.

### CHILDREN

- 22 Robert Warren 1st son. Parson of Rame in Cornwall married Margaret daughter of Peter Burgis of Peter Tavy in Cornwall.
- 22 John Warren.
- 22 Richard Warren of Greenwich in Kent. Merchant married Elizabeth Jouatt and relict of ——— Marsh, and had Richard and John.
- 22 Christopher Warren of London married Sarah daughter of Nich. Opie of Plymouth, England.
- 22 Thomas Warren.
- 22 William Warren of London merchant married Mary daughter of Will Culling of Woodland.
- 22 Ann Warren married John Richards.

Ann, wife of William Warren (20) married (2d) Will Culling and had children:

William Culling  
 John            "  
 Richard        "  
 Thomas        "     of London

- 22 Rev. Robert Warren 1st son Parson of Rame in Cornwall married Mary daughter of Peter Burgis of Peter Tavy in Cornwall.

### CHILDREN

Christopher Warren 1st son.  
 Robert            "     2d "  
 Thomas           "     3d "  
 Peter             "     4th "  
 Nathaniel        "     5th "  
 Margaret         "     1st daughter.  
 Anne             "     2d "

According to the foregoing chart William Warren (22,) grandson of William Warren (20) and Ann, married Mary Culling, granddaughter of Ann by her second husband, Will Culling.



MERCER V. TILSON

## OPEN LETTER OF MERCER V. TILSON

South Hanson, Mass., September 23, 1911.

After working for more than twenty years in compiling the genealogy of the Tilson family, I am pleased to announce to you that the Tilson genealogy has been published in book form, 610 pages, size 6½ inches by 9½ inches, with thirteen half-tone illustrations and the family coat-of-arms, and the family name embossed in gold on the front cover.

The book is bound in cloth and makes a volume which, I think, will be a treasure to every Tilson who takes pride in the men and women who have been their ancestors, and to every descendant of the Tilsons whose lives are epitomized therein.



The book contains an account of the family in England back to the year 1066 and of Edmond Tilson who resided in Plymouth, Mass., in 1638.

Three hundred volumes have been printed and I do not expect that any subsequent edition will be issued. These volumes I am offering for sale for four dollars, with the postage of twenty-four cents, and on receipt of this amount, \$4.24, I shall be pleased to mail the volumes published until the edition is exhausted.

Kindly remit at once, as I should be pleased, on account of the condition of my health, to be able to dispose of these volumes without delay.

Very truly yours,

M. V. TILSON.



# ROSTER OF THE LIVING DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT AND MARY (WARREN) BARTLET

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## A

Allen, Mrs. Mary P.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Blanche	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Madoline	Springfield, Mass.
Ashley, Mrs. Daisy M.	Elmwood, Mass.
Miss Sarah H.	Elmwood, Mass.
Allstine, Mrs. Myra B.	Dalton, Mass.

## B

Bartlett, Ephraim D.	Plymouth, Mass.
Cornelius	Plymouth, Mass.
Cornelius, Jr.	Plymouth, Mass.
James E.	Plymouth, Mass.
Francis K.	Plymouth, Mass.
Robert A.	Plymouth, Mass.
Miss Sarah A.	Plymouth, Mass.
Miss Mary J.	Plymouth, Mass.
Mrs. Hattie D.	Plymouth, Mass.
Arthur L.	Springfield, Mass.
Frank K.	Springfield, Mass.
Herbert L.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Beatrice	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Mabel M.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Katherine G.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Dorothy R.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Jessie M.	Springfield, Mass.
Mrs. Leota G.	Springfield, Mass.
Mrs. Lillian F.	Springfield, Mass.
Horace	Worthington, Mass.
Guy	Worthington, Mass.
Mrs. Emily B.	Worthington, Mass.
Miss Marguerite	Worthington, Mass.
Miss Elsie	Worthington, Mass.
Miss Marian	Worthington, Mass.
Miss Alice	Worthington, Mass.
Charles C.	Dalton, Mass.
Kenneth	Dalton, Mass.
Lewis	Dalton, Mass.
Homer	Dalton, Mass.
Miss Mildred	Dalton, Mass.
Miss Thelma	Dalton, Mass.
Mrs. Ida B.	Dalton, Mass.
Tilson	Lee, Mass.
Earl R.	Lee, Mass.
Richard W.	Lee, Mass.
George E.	Lee, Mass.
Miss Mildred A.	Lee, Mass.
Miss Helen R.	Lee, Mass.
John A.	Brockton, Mass.
Miss Marcia J.	Brockton, Mass.
Miss Edith E.	Brockton, Mass.

Miss Isabelle M.	Brockton, Mass.
Henry J.	Roxbury, Mass.
Mrs. Sarah S.	Roxbury, Mass.
Miss Sarah B.	Roxbury, Mass.
Francis	Boston, Mass.
Clyde	Boston, Mass.
Francis	Manomet, Mass.
E. Paran	Manomet, Mass.
Irving C.	Greenfield, Mass.
Irving L., Jr.	Greenfield, Mass.
Richard S.	Greenfield, Mass.
Charles H.	Dorchester, Mass.
Robert W.	New Bedford, Mass.
Miss L. Florence	Belmont, Mass.
Otis B.	Holyoke, Mass.
Leroy C.	Marshfield Center, Mass.
Walter R.	Rockport, Mass.
Peter	Hinsdale, Mass.
Miss Julia A.	Florence, Mass.
Cecil	Westfield, Mass.
Wesley L.	Pittsfield, Mass.
William H.	New Haven, Conn.
Walter L.	New Haven, Conn.
Miss Ruth T.	New Haven, Conn.
Miss Evelyn A.	New Haven, Conn.
Lucius W.	Windsor, Conn.
Warren T.	Hartford, Conn.
Mrs. Zilpha J.	Windsor, Conn.
Miss Anna E.	Hartford, Conn.
David W.	West Haven, Conn.
Matthew H.	E. Hartford, Conn.
Joseph W.	Dallas, Tex.
Frederick W.	Dallas, Tex.
Byram	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Ruth	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Gertrude	Dallas, Tex.
Richard W.	Tacoma, Wash.
Harold	Tacoma, Wash.
Miss Faith	Tacoma, Wash.
Ephraim H.	Peacham, Vt.
Edwin M.	Wilmington, Vt.
Virgil	Cheyenne, Wyoming
Mrs. Maria G.	Cheyenne, Wyoming
William P.	Richville, N. Y.
Miss Helen L.	Salt Lake City, Utah
Howard	Peoria, Arizona
Cephas H.	Tipton, Ia.
Edward O.	Barrington, R. I.
W. Russell	Harriman, Tenn.
Bird, Horace A.	Brockton, Mass.
Frederick H.	Brockton, Mass.
Bearce, George H.	Brockton, Mass.
Bird, Henry W.	E. Bridgewater, Mass.
Miss Helen	E. Bridgewater, Mass.
Simeon A.	Campello, Mass.
Boomer, Mrs. Rebecca W.	Campello, Mass.
Bird, W. Ellery	Kingston, Mass.
Brewster, Miss Ada A.	Kingston, Mass.

Bryant, Mrs. Sarah W.	Brant Rock, Mass.
Miss Edith E.	Brant Rock, Mass.
Bates, Mrs. Amanda B.	Worthington, Mass.
Frank	Worthington, Mass.
Brooks, Mrs. Nina	Worthington, Mass.
Bird, Henry M.	Stoughton, Mass.
Bodfish, David L.	Palmer, Mass.
Browne, William B.	Blackington, Mass.
Bates, David M.	Plymouth, Mass.
Bird, Luther O.	N. Easton, Mass.
Benjamin, Mrs. Melissa	W. Cummington, Mass.
Bickford, Marshall	New York, N. Y.
Miss Amy G.	New York, N. Y.
Miss Lucille G.	New York, N. Y.
Barnard, Mrs. Mabel E.	Garfield, Utah
Miss Sarah	Garfield, Utah
Baxter, Mrs. Grace	Seattle, Wash.
Brown, Mrs. Mabel	Seattle, Wash.
Burdick, Mrs. Alice P.	Hartford, Conn.
Blackman, Mrs. Mary E.	Winsted, Conn.
Burdick, Edwin P.	Newark, N. J.
Barclay, Mrs. Elizabeth D.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Blackman, Miss Willmay	Richmond, Cal.
Burton, Charles P.	Aurora, Ill.
Burns, Mrs. John, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Emily Longfellow	Boston, Mass.
Silvia Wadsworth	Boston, Mass.

## C

Carver, Horace A.	Elmwood, Mass.
Mrs. Elizabeth A.	Elmwood, Mass.
Cooper, Mrs. Mary D.	Plymouth, Mass.
Clark, Mrs. Sarah B.	Plymouth, Mass.
Cross, William B.	Brockton, Mass.
William W.	Brockton, Mass.
Cushing, Mrs. Edith I.	Middleboro, Mass.
Clark, George W.	W. Springfield, Mass.
Conn, Mrs. Mary M.	W. Cummington, Mass.
Coates, Mrs. Anna G.	Easthampton, Mass.
Cleveland, Mrs. Elizabeth M.	Washington, D. C.
Raymond M.	Washington, D. C.
Kilbourne	Worthington, Ohio
Cassiday, Mrs. Elizabeth	Portland, Ore.
Frederick W.	Portland, Ore.
Clark, Mrs. Catherine B.	New York, N. Y.
Churchill, Arthur H.	Montclair, N. J.
Clark, Clinton L.	Los Angeles, Cal.
Colgan, Mrs. Addie W.	Spokane, Wash.

## D

Desoe, Harlan J.	W. Springfield, Mass.
Harlan T.	W. Springfield, Mass.
Lyndon A.	W. Springfield, Mass.
Miss Madoline T.	W. Springfield, Mass.
Dewey, Mrs. Carrie K.	New Lenox, Mass.

Dean, Mrs. Marian C.	Springfield, Mass.
Dill, Wallace	Dalton, Mass.

## E

Eddy, Charles A.	Milford, Conn.
Albert	Milford, Conn.
Miss Beulah	Milford, Conn.
Miss Grace	Milford, Conn.
Miss Ethel	Milford, Conn.
Frank B.	West Springfield, Mass.
Carroll B.	West Springfield, Mass.
Virginia Fraye	West Springfield, Mass.
George	Kenka Park, N. Y.
Eager, Miss Katherine L.	Salt Lake City, Utah
Miss Lucy	Salt Lake City, Utah
John	Ely, Nevada

## F

Franklin, Mrs. Mabel B.	Hinsdale, Mass.
Irwin	Hinsdale, Mass.
Farry, Mrs. Mary B.	Dorchester, Mass.
Fuller, Mrs. Mary E.	Kingston, Mass.
Forbes, Mrs. Alice B.	Hartford, Conn.
Miss Barbara H.	Hartford, Conn.
George B.	Hartford, Conn.
Fuller, Mrs. Cornelia P.	Gilman, Canada
Sylvanus	Gilman, Canada
Ferguson, Mrs. Jane T.	Springfield, Mass.

## G

Gray, Mrs. Martha B.	Springfield, Mass.
Gordon, Mrs. Nellie B.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Mildred	Springfield, Mass.
Granger, Mrs. Permelia B.	Worthington, Mass.
Gilbert, Mrs. Abbey L.	Neponset, Mass.
Glunz, Mrs. Emily H.	Easthampton, Mass.
Randolph	Holyoke, Mass.
Garlinger, Mrs. Emeline	Seattle, Wash.
Miss Ida	Seattle, Wash.
Gordon, Ray	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Miss Dorris F.	Brooklyn, N. Y.

## H

Haskins, Mrs. Angeline T.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Edith	Springfield, Mass.
Hayes, Irving C.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Edith M.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Ethel J.	Springfield, Mass.
Hopkins, Mrs. Susan M.	Weymouth, Mass.
Miss Mary A.	Weymouth, Mass.

Harlow, Mrs. Minnie B.	Whitman, Mass.
Miss Florence I.	Whitman, Mass.
Hubbard, Miss Jennie S.	Plymouth, Mass.
Miss Sarah	Plymouth, Mass.
Hawley, George	Ware, Mass.
Mrs. Agnes B.	Ware, Mass.
Holmes, Mrs. Ellen B.	Brockton, Mass.
Harlow, Miss Mary F.	N. Easton, Mass.
Hawley, James	W. Cummington, Mass.
Hoag, Mrs. Susie W.	Gt. Barrington, Mass.
Hubbard, Mrs. Evelyn B.	Winsted, Conn.
Harrison, Mrs. Mattie B.	Winsted, Conn.
Hoyt, Mrs. Madeline B.	New Haven, Conn.
Hay, Mrs. Edith C.	Ft. Ethan Allen, Vt.
Harned, Mrs. Lillian	Portland, Ore.

## J

Johnson, Mrs. Mary E.	Salt Lake City, Utah
Miss Zilpha	Salt Lake City, Utah
Miss Elna	Salt Lake City, Utah
Miss Miriam	Salt Lake City, Utah
Mrs. Anna M.	Roxbury, Mass.
Mrs. Anna M.	Middleboro, Mass.

## K

Kilbourne, Charles	Worthington, Mass.
Mrs. Mary	Worthington, Mass.
Miss Beatrice	Worthington, Mass.
Alfred B.	Worthington, Mass.
Knapp, Mrs. Agnes P.	Cummington, Mass.
Fordyce L.	Cummington, Mass.
E. Clayton	Cummington, Mass.
Keith, Mrs. Mary B.	E. Bridgewater, Mass.
Mrs. Susan O.	E. Bridgewater, Mass.
Kilbourne, Miss Lucy	Springfield, Mass.
James N.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Knight, James	New Milford, Conn.
Miss Blanche	Brookfield, Conn.
Ray	Brookfield, Conn.
Mrs. Mary Z.	Middletown, Conn.
Kratzer, Mrs. Helen K.	Windsor, Conn.
Kurtz, Mrs. Ada B.	Athens, Ohio
Kilbourne, Joseph N.	N. Yakima, Wash.

## L

Link, Mrs. Jessie T.	Superior, Wis.
Miss Margaret	Superior, Wis.
Ernest	Superior, Wis.
Lovell, Mrs. Eugenie B.	Whitman, Mass.
Logan, Mrs. Annie C.	Newton Highlands, Mass.
Leonard, Mrs. James B.	Brockton, Mass.
Lapham, George A.	McLouth, Kan.

Longfellow, Arthur ..... New York, N. Y.  
 Henry Grenville ..... New York, N. Y.  
 Miss Ellen T. .... Boston, Mass.  
 Miss Louise A. .... Portland, Me.  
 Mrs. Marian ..... Boston, Mass.

# M

Mason, Mrs. Edith ..... Worthington, Mass.  
 Miss Marian ..... Worthington, Mass.  
 Miss Dorris ..... Worthington, Mass.  
 Dudley ..... Worthington, Mass.  
 Stanley ..... Worthington, Mass.  
 Winifred ..... Worthington, Mass.  
 Mellen, Orson J. .... Dalton, Mass.  
 Lewis B. .... Dalton, Mass.  
 John O. .... Dalton, Mass.  
 Mason, Miss Flora L. .... Taunton, Mass.  
 Walter M. .... Taunton, Mass.  
 Frank B. .... Taunton, Mass.  
 McGrevy, Mrs. Alida ..... W. Springfield, Mass.  
 Miss Dorothy V. .... W. Springfield, Mass.  
 Mann, Mrs. Elizabeth B. .... Stoughton, Mass.  
 Moon, Mrs. Ella B. .... Stoughton, Mass.  
 McFarlin, Miss Helen ..... S. Cowes, Mass.  
 Marshall, Mrs. Harriet A. .... Whitman, Mass.  
 Morton, Mrs. Martha B. .... Plymouth, Mass.  
 Mason, John W. .... Northampton, Mass.  
 Miss Martha ..... Waltham, Mass.  
 Charles W. .... Roxbury, Mass.  
 Charles N. .... New York, N. Y.  
 McGregor, Mrs. Minnie T. .... Hamilton, N. Y.  
 Miss Edith ..... Hamilton, N. Y.  
 Miss Gladys ..... Hamilton, N. Y.  
 Donald E. .... Hamilton, N. Y.  
 Harry L. .... Akron, Ohio  
 McCullough, Mrs. A. Starr ..... Peoria, Arizona  
 Macey, Mrs. Mercie W. .... Somerville, Mass.  
 Morris, Henry Wadsworth ..... Goldfield, Nev.  
 Edward F. .... Goldfield, Nev.  
 John Alden ..... Goldfield, Nev.  
 William Longfellow ..... New York, N. Y.  
 Winifred Grey ..... New York, N. Y.

# N

Nickerson, Mrs. Margaret B. .... Chiltonville, Mass.  
 Miss Lina B. .... Chiltonville, Mass.  
 Charles A. .... Chiltonville, Mass.  
 John C. .... Chiltonville, Mass.  
 E. Elliott ..... Chiltonville, Mass.  
 William B. .... Worcester, Mass.  
 Mrs. Polly M. .... Plymouth, Mass.  
 Nichols, Mrs. Cora L. .... Winsted, Conn.  
 Miss Leora ..... Winsted, Conn.  
 Newcomer, Mrs. Elizabeth T. .... Brockton, Mass.

## O

Olds, Mrs. Ella S.	Dalton, Mass.
Silas S.	Dalton, Mass.
Orcutt, Alpheus	Napa, Cal.

## P

Packard, Henry	W. Cummington, Mass.
Miss Lillian	W. Cummington, Mass.
Miss Margorie	W. Cummington, Mass.
Miss Margaret A.	W. Cummington, Mass.
William	W. Cummington, Mass.
Muriel	W. Cummington, Mass.
John H.	W. Cummington, Mass.
Charles E.	W. Cummington, Mass.
Miss Olive M.	W. Cummington, Mass.
Miss Rachel M.	W. Cummington, Mass.
Herbert M.	W. Cummington, Mass.
Thomas T.	W. Cummington, Mass.
Harold C.	W. Cummington, Mass.
Frank	Williamsburgh, Mass.
Joseph A.	Williamsburgh, Mass.
Charles A.	Williamsburgh, Mass.
Ralph A.	Williamsburgh, Mass.
George O.	Williamsburgh, Mass.
Walter A.	Williamsburgh, Mass.
Clifford I.	Williamsburgh, Mass.
Miss Ida M.	Williamsburgh, Mass.
Miss Rachel A.	Williamsburgh, Mass.
Miss Ruth E.	Williamsburgh, Mass.
Luther W.	Plainfield, Mass.
Cyrus W.	Plainfield, Mass.
Clayton L.	Plainfield, Mass.
Clifford S.	Plainfield, Mass.
Miss Minnie R.	Plainfield, Mass.
Miss Anna E.	Plainfield, Mass.
Miss Mary E.	Plainfield, Mass.
Miss Ruth A.	Plainfield, Mass.
Henry	Springfield, Mass.
Parker	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Lucy	Springfield, Mass.
Mrs. Mary C.	Brockton, Mass.
Herman	Brockton, Mass.
Payson, Mrs. Julia R.	Medfield, Mass.
Pratt, Mrs. Elizabeth B.	Dorchester, Mass.
Perkins, Mrs. Amanda B.	Bridgewater, Mass.
Porter, Mrs. H. G.	Middleboro, Mass.
Puffer, Mrs. Mary T.	Newton, Mass.
Pease, Kenneth	Worthington, Mass.
Payson, Mrs. Jerusha H.	Windsor, Mass.
Packard, Harry	Pasadena, Cal.
Harley	Pasadena, Cal.
Payson, George E.	Alexandria, Ind.
Packard, Robert B.	Cincinnati, Ohio



# R

Rice, Mrs. Lilla E.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Jessie K.	Springfield, Mass.
Ralph W.	Springfield, Mass.
Reed, Mrs. Phebe A.	Springfield, Mass.
Randall, Harrison E.	Cleveland, Ohio
Robbins, Hiram	Abington, Mass.
Miss Susan B.	Abington, Mass.
Robinson, Miss Flora B.	Medfield, Mass.
Rice, Mrs. Joanna T.	Waltham, Mass.
Ritchie, Mrs. Hortense K.	Enfield, Mass.
Robbins, Loring	Turner, Me.
Randall, Herbert	Hartford, Conn.

# S

Scharf, Mrs. Paul	Washington, D. C.
Dorothy	Washington, D. C.
Eugene	Washington, D. C.
Priscilla Alden	Washington, D. C.
Smart, Mrs. Mary K.	Springfield, Mass.
Sydney, Jr.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Virginia	Springfield, Mass.
Squier, Mrs. Cora B.	Springfield, Mass.
Sturtevant, Almer V.	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Alice	Springfield, Mass.
Miss Zilpha	Springfield, Mass.
Smith, Walter	W. Worthington, Mass.
Ralph W.	W. Worthington, Mass.
Miss Verna	W. Worthington, Mass.
Standish, Henry E.	Middleboro, Mass.
Mrs. Ellen S.	Middleboro, Mass.
Soule, Mrs. Amanda B.	Middleboro, Mass.
Smith, Miss Dorris L.	Holyoke, Mass.
Karl D.	Holyoke, Mass.
Lawrence F.	Holyoke, Mass.
Suhanek, Mrs. Ermina B.	Holyoke, Mass.
Strong, Mrs. Eunice B.	W. Springfield, Mass.
Simmons, Mrs. Mary B.	Plymouth, Mass.
Streeter, Mrs. Vesta W.	Cummington, Mass.
Sampson, Mrs. Mary H.	Northampton, Mass.
Sheibley, Mrs. Jessie B.	Washington, D. C.
Singleton, Frank E.	Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Blanche K.	Washington, D. C.
Sternberger, William A.	Peoria, Arizona
Jesse H.	Peoria, Arizona
Schultz, Mrs. Velva M.	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Miss Ruby	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Miss Mildred	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Howard	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Earl	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Elva	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Singleton, Mrs. Lucy B.	Middletown, Conn.
Miss Clara I.	Middletown, Conn.
Sylvester, John E.	Wellston, Ohio
Short, Mrs. Josephine F.	Hoboken, N. J.

Spence, Mrs. Lulu B. .... Tipton, Ia.  
 Miss Eva ..... Tipton, Ia.  
 Smith, Kirby ..... Arlington, Cal.

## T

Tower, Henry L. .... Worthington, Mass.  
 Miss Mary A. .... Worthington, Mass.  
 Cullen ..... Worthington, Mass.  
 Walter ..... Worthington, Mass.  
 Trow, Mrs. Ida B. .... Worthington, Mass.  
 Miss Bessie ..... Worthington, Mass.  
 Miss Margaret ..... Worthington, Mass.  
 Miss Nancy ..... Worthington, Mass.  
 Tower, Charles W. .... Springfield, Mass.  
 Herbert ..... Springfield, Mass.  
 Miss Esther ..... Springfield, Mass.  
 Miss Grace ..... Springfield, Mass.  
 Tillson, Edmund ..... Springfield, Mass.  
 Leroy E. .... Springfield, Mass.  
 \*Mercer V. .... South Hanson, Mass.  
 Roland F. .... Fall River, Mass.  
 Tower, Theodore P. .... Cummington, Mass.  
 Taintor, Mrs. Bessie B. .... Brookline, Mass.  
 Tillson, Edward H. .... Naperville, Ill.  
 Miss Mabel ..... Naperville, Ill.  
 Harold ..... Naperville, Ill.  
 Arthur ..... Naperville, Ill.  
 Earl ..... Naperville, Ill.  
 Fred H. .... Rockford, Ill.  
 Miss Marian ..... Rockford, Ill.  
 Town, Mrs. Mabel T. .... Earlville, Ill.  
 Tillson, Byron W. .... Bracebridge, Canada  
 Lawrence B. .... Bracebridge, Canada  
 Miss A. Lenora ..... Bracebridge, Canada  
 Miss Dorothy F. .... Bracebridge, Canada  
 Thrall, Mrs. Emma B. .... Windsor, Conn.  
 Miss Alice ..... Windsor, Conn.  
 Oliver ..... Windsor, Conn.  
 Joseph B. .... Windsor, Conn.  
 Tillson, John Q. .... New Haven, Conn.  
 Cyrus M. .... Hamilton, N. Y.

## U

Ulrich, Mrs. Flora B. .... Hartford, Conn.  
 Miss Olive E. .... Hartford, Conn.  
 Leroy ..... Manchester, Conn.

## W

Wellman, Mrs. Mary E. .... Walpole, Mass.  
 Miss Fanny ..... Walpole, Mass.  
 Miss Louise ..... Walpole, Mass.  
 Edward C. .... Walpole, Mass.  
 Charles ..... Walpole, Mass.

\*Since Deceased.

Wood, Mrs. Helen K. ....	Cheshire, Mass.
Miss Winifred B. ....	Cheshire, Conn.
Fred L. ....	Cheshire, Mass.
Wilson, J. Edward ....	Holyoke, Mass.
Mrs. Kate B. ....	Holyoke, Mass.
Weatherbee, Miss Blanche G. ....	Marshfield Hills, Mass.
Miss Clara G. ....	Braintree, Mass.
White, J. Bartlett ....	N. Hanson, Mass.
Miss Eliza B. ....	Brant Rock, Mass.
Wood, Mrs. Harriet B. ....	Plymouth, Mass.
Williamson, Mrs. Flora B. ....	Campello, Mass.
Waterman, Mrs. Amanda B. ....	Kingston, Mass.
White, Miss Mabel M. ....	N. Easton, Mass.
Wheaton, Earl ....	Springfield, Mass.
White, Mrs. Emma B. ....	Toledo, Ohio
Miss Flora ....	Toledo, Ohio
Warren, Charles H. ....	Providence, R. I.
Weyman, Wesley ....	New York, N. Y.
Whitty, Mrs. Mabel H. ....	Norfolk, Va.

## Y

Young, Mrs. Carrie B. ....	Bryantville, Mass.
Miss Grace M. ....	Newark, N. J.
Youmans, Mrs. Theodora W. ....	Waureka, Wis.

## NOTICE OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Fifth Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlett (1) of Plymouth, Mass., Inc., will be held at Mountain Park Pavilion, Mt. Tom, Holyoke, Mass., on Saturday, July 27, 1912. A short business session at 11 o'clock a. m.

Accommodations for a fifty cent dinner will be provided from 1 to 2 p. m. at the Pavilion. Families or parties who desire to provide themselves with a basket lunch will find tables for their accommodation in the park.

Trolley cars from Springfield and Holyoke to Mountain Park every ten minutes. Good hotel accommodations can be obtained in Springfield or Holyoke for those who wish to spend more than the day in the vicinity.

Mt. Tom and Mountain Park furnish special attractions for an all-day's pleasure trip. Come early and stay late and let us enjoy the day together.

*Descendants, with Friends, All Welcome.*

LUCIUS WARREN BARTLETT, *President.*

ERMINA BARTLETT SUHANEK, *Secretary.*

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION, JULY 27, 1912

*Members of the Robert Bartlet Society, Brethren and Friends:*

It is with much pleasure that I greet you again today and extend to you a hearty welcome to this our fifth annual meeting and reunion.

The sign at the entrance is not as clean and spotless as are the characters of those assembled here, but it has the distinction of having reported for duty at every meeting from the beginning. We have no extended program of exercises this year, thinking it better to give the time aside from the business meeting, to sociability, making the acquaintance of the members of our family and enjoying the pleasures of this beautiful mountain resort. For this reason I will occupy but a few minutes of your time. There is another reason, but never mind that.

During the past year we have lost three members by death, Mrs. Amanda B. Waterman, of Kingston, Mrs. Alice P. Burdick, sister of the President, and Mr. Mercer V. Tilson, First Vice-President of the Society. Mention of them will be made in the Historian's report. You will pardon me, however, if I say a word in regard to Mr. Tilson.

Our acquaintance began in 1905, when I engaged him to trace out my ancestral line, which I did not know back of the fifth generation from Robert. In 1908 I spent a week's vacation at his home in South Hanson and together we traveled over the roads of Stoughton, Halifax, and Plymouth and learned many things which were invaluable to me and the Bartlett Society also. He loved the work and gave freely of his time in searching for the Boulder and superintending the work of erecting our memorial to Robert and Mary (Warren) Bartlet. He was of great assistance to your President and I feel his loss a personal one.

It is with regret I have to state that our Historian, Mrs. Marian Longfellow, of Brookline, Mass., who is recovering from a very severe illness, is not able to be present with us today. She writes that her enforced absence is a bitter disappointment to her.

We have with us here today some officers and members of the Tower Genealogical Society of Hingham, Mass. The Towers, the Tillsons, and the Bartletts are so blended together on genealogical lines in this western part of Massachusetts, I trust you will pardon me if I again inflict upon you a little of their history.

Peter Tower (5) married Deborah Stowell, in Hingham, Mass., November 25, 1746. Peter Tower removed from Hingham to Cummington, Mass., near the close of the Revolutionary War. At this time or soon after his several children (there were ten of them) went there also. His oldest child and daughter Leah (6) who had married Nathaniel Tower (5) was among the number. Nathaniel Tower (5) married Leah Tower (6) in Hingham, October 18, 1770. He was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and here I wish to quote you from the Tower Genealogy:

"A Pension of \$66.66 per Annum was granted to his widow Leah Tower, Dec. 9, 1845 with arrears to Sept. 1845 of \$966.57. At the date of the Certificate she had entered upon the 99th year of her age. In her affidavit Leah Tower says, 'We were extremely poor and his wages would not support our family, and he was advised to remove to the western part of the state. Have heard my mother say they moved with an ox team and were weeks on the way and his pay as a soldier, \$15.00 per month in Continental money, would buy just five quarts of milk at that time.' He seems to have removed about 1780 and near this time a number of his relations by the name of Tower and many others of other names who were relatives removed from Hingham, Cohasset, Weymouth, and the vicinity, to the hill towns west of the Connecticut River, then for the most part unoccupied, where they became important factors in converting this wilderness into well cultivated and flourishing farms, rearing large families of sons and daughters, who in their turn have repeated the lessons of enterprise and industry so thoroughly learned upon those hill-tops and have gone out through successive generations in other fields to reclaim the wilderness until the waves of the Pacific Ocean bar any further progress."

Leah Tower died in Cummington, January 23, 1847, aged ninety-nine years, two months, nine days. I was nearly six years old when she died. I remember going with my parents once to visit her, probably from the circumstance that she gave me a silver five-cent piece at the time.

The Tilsons removed from Halifax to Cummington and Edward Bartlett with his family of twelve children removed from Stoughton to Cummington in 1795. Seth Ames and Isaac Bird of Stoughton followed two of the daughters, Elizabeth and Zilpha, and took them back to Stoughton. The rest of the family remained in Cummington.

The Towers, Tilsons, and Bartletts owned farms adjoining each other and their homes were less than a mile apart. Steven Tower (6), son of Peter (5), married Anna Bowker of Scituate, April 21, 1776. They had 13 children and 84

grandchildren. Four of the children of Edward Bartlett married Towers, and two of them married Tilsons.

Welcome Tilson, brother of Edmund (who owned and lived on the Bryant place for many years) married Leah Tower (7), whose mother was a Bartlett. From the foregoing four families, one Bartlett, one Tower, and two Tilsons, have descended about 400 of the 600 Bartlett descendants we have on our mailing list, and more than 100 of them live within a radius of twenty-five miles of Springfield, Springfield being the banner town in the state. What more fitting, then, than this our fifth annual meeting and reunion should be held at this beautiful park under the shadow of Mt. Tom and, on the other side of the Connecticut, Mt. Holyoke, standing as sentinels to watch and guard over those beautiful valleys which were the ancestral homes of so many of us.

The roster which we have here, that was issued January, 1911, containing 450 names, has 168 names who are descendants of Robert Bartlet (1) and John Tower (1), 136 descendants of Robert Bartlet (1) and Edmund Tillson (1), and 84 who are descendants of all three of them.

I received a letter from one member saying he was planning to come all the way from Chicago for the purpose of seeing what there is to the Bartlett-Tower-Tillson combination. I trust you all may receive both pleasure and profit in this coming together and carry away with you to your homes such pleasant memories of the occasion that you will resolve to come again next year.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

(FOR PRECEDING YEAR)

Aug. 12, 1911.

### REPORT OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION OF THE BARTLETT SOCIETY

The Fourth Annual Reunion of the descendants of Robert (1) and Mary (Warren) Bartlet, was held in Plymouth, Mass., on Saturday, August 12, 1911.

The morning session held in the Chapel of the Methodist Church, for the transaction of business, opened at 10.30 with a few words of welcome by the President, Mr. Lucius Warren Bartlett, of Hartford, Conn., and a song "Summer is Here," by Miss Mary A. Hopkins, of Weymouth, Mass.

The roll-call of members proved thirty-two present at that hour to answer to their names, and fifty-seven names in-

cluding visitors were registered in the Journal as attending the morning session.

The Secretary's report of the previous meeting was read and accepted. The Treasurer's report and that of work for the year, were also read and accepted.

Mrs. Sarah S. Bartlet moved a rising vote of thanks to the Secretary for the work she had done during the year. This was cheerfully given and later a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the President for his faithful services in the interest of the Society.

The elections of officers for the coming year followed these reports. The officers of the previous year were unanimously elected, the votes being cast by the Secretary, and were as follows:

*President*, Mr. Lucius Warren Bartlett, Hartford, Conn.

*First Vice-President*, Mr. Mercer V. Tilson, South Hanson, Mass.

*Second Vice-President*, Mr. Charles H. Bartlett, Dorchester, Mass.

*Secretary and Treasurer*, Mrs. Ermina Bartlett Suhanek, Holyoke, Mass.

*Historian*, Mrs. Marian Longfellow, Brookline, Mass.

Under the head of new business, the committee on by-laws presented three amendments for consideration, notice of which had been previously sent to all members of the Society.

*First.* To see if the Society will repeal Section 1 of ARTICLE V of the By-Laws, and insert in place thereof the words: "SECTION 1. *Fiscal Year.*—The Fiscal Year of the Society shall be from January 1st to December 31st. New members who join the Society between October 1st and December 31st of any given year, and paying the membership fee, shall be considered as having paid their annual dues for the next succeeding fiscal year.

*Second.* To see if the Society will amend Section 1 of ARTICLE VI of the By-Laws to read as follows: "*Dues.*—The membership fee which each member shall pay on joining the Society shall be one dollar (\$1.00), and thereafter there shall be an annual fee of one dollar (\$1.00), due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of January each year."

*Third.* To see if the Society will amend the By-Laws by adding the following words to be designated as SECTION 2, Article 11: "*Associate Members.*—The officers and members of other societies of similar character and objects and other interested persons upon application, paying the membership fee and being approved by the Executive Committee, may be enrolled as associate members entitled to all the privileges of the Society except voting and holding office. The husband or wife of a descendant, who is not in his or her own right a descendant of Robert Bartlet, of Plymouth, may be eligible as an associate member under this clause."

ERMINA BARTLETT SUHANEK, *Secretary*.  
L. W. BARTLETT, *President*.

These three amendments were acted upon separately and each passed by unanimous vote.

Owing to the change in the date of the fiscal year from January 1 to December 31, instead of as formerly from June 1 to May 31, it was voted that all who had paid one dollar membership fee at this meeting be given receipt in full for dues to December 31, 1912, and that all who had paid fifty cents since May 31, 1911, should also, upon the payment of another fifty cents, be given receipt in full to December 31, 1912.

The matter of some permanent badge for the members of the Society was brought up by your President. A sample design was exhibited which seemed pleasing to the members. Several expressed a wish for such a badge and wanted to order more than one. No further action was taken.

The Secretary was ably assisted during this session by Miss Anna E. Bartlett, of Hartford, Conn., who received and made record of dues paid and of contributions to the Memorial Fund, also by Miss Alice M. Thrall, of Windsor, Conn., who registered the name and address of each member and guest attending.

There being no further business at 12.30 the meeting adjourned for lunch served in Wesleyan Hall by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was cause for much regret that such an enjoyable dinner must be hastened that we might take the 1.15 car for the site of the Memorial Tablet, where the afternoon exercises were to be held. The day was a perfect one and the privilege of sitting in the open air, in the shade of the near trees, to dedicate the beautiful Memorial Tablet right before us was a happy diversion from the business session of the morning. The memory of the occasion will linger long in the minds of those so fortunate as to be present.

Mr. Charles H. Bartlett, our Second Vice-President, was presiding officer for the afternoon. The exercises opened with a song, "The Golden Pathway," by Miss Mary A. Hopkins. The songs rendered by Miss Hopkins were very pleasing additions to our program and we felt proud I am sure of so fine a singer in our family.

The next treat for the afternoon was a paper on "The Ancestry of the Warrens," by our President, Mr. Lucius Warren Bartlett. Following this was a very interesting review of the history of the Society from its organization to the present time by our Historian, Mrs. Marian Longfellow. She included in her review some historical notes of its officers, especially of the President and in her happy way held and charmed her audience to the last.



Unfortunately Mrs. Flora S. Matthewson, of South Braintree, Mass., Secretary of the Alden Kindred of America, whose name was on the program, could not be present.

Mr. George Warren Tower, of South Boston, President of the Tower Genealogical Society, preached us a little sermon, as he called it, from the text, Faith, Hope, and Charity. He emphasized the teaching of the fifth commandment, honor, love, and reverence for our ancestors and urged upon his audience the advisability of keeping a record or history of their lives, assuring them that it would be esteemed a most choice possession by their descendants.

Rev. George A. Smith, of Boston, Secretary of the American Society of Colonial Families, gave us a fine talk, his theme being "Getting Together." I think he almost persuaded us to join the Society he represented and be in name as we are in truth, one of the Colonial Families of America.

Remarks were made by Mr. Charles H. Bartlett, and other members of the Society.

After all this fine entertainment, the sun was sinking behind the trees and with the song "Home, Sweet Home," by Miss Hopkins, and the benediction by Rev. George A. Smith, the Bartlett Family separated hoping to meet again next year.

Respectfully submitted,

ERMINA BARTLETT SUHANEK, *Secretary*.

# TREASURER'S REPORT, 1911-12

## RECEIPTS

Membership fees at \$1.00 for 1911	.	.	.	\$2.00	
"    "    "    "    "    1912	.	.	.	105.00	
"    "    "    "    "    1913	.	.	.	2.00	
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Total	.	.	.	\$109.00	\$109.00
Contributions for Memorial Tablet:					
Mrs. Sarah S. Bartlet	.	.	.	\$2.00	
Mrs. Hattie R. Bartlett	.	.	.	1.00	
Mr. W. Ellery Bird	.	.	.	1.00	
Mr. C. H. Bartlett	.	.	.	1.00	
Mr. William H. Bartlett	.	.	.	2.00	
Miss L. Florence Bartlett	.	.	.	1.00	
Mrs. Edith Carman Hay	.	.	.	1.00	
Mr. Horace Bird	.	.	.	.50	
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Total	.	.	.	\$9.50	\$9.50
Total Receipts	.	.	.		\$118.50
Cash in Treasury at last Report	.	.			1.50
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Grand Total	.	.	.		\$120.00

## EXPENDITURES

To rent of chairs, August 12, 1911	.	.	.	.	\$2.00
"    Delivery and return of chairs	.	.	.	.	5.00
"    Dinner tickets for guests	.	.	.	.	3.00
"    Janitor service	.	.	.	.	1.00
"    Floral emblem for the late Mr. Mercer V. Tilson	.	.	.	.	5.00
"    Call for 1912 reunion	.	.	.	.	9.00
"    Printing of same	.	.	.	.	3.75
"    4 packages of stamped envelopes	.	.	.	.	2.16
"    Badges for 1912 reunion	.	.	.	.	4.82
Paid on deficit of last report	.	.	.	.	80.89
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Total Expenses	.	.	.	.	\$116.62
Balance in Treasury	.	.	.	.	3.38
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Grand Total	.	.	.	.	\$120.00

## HISTORIAN'S REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN, July 27, 1912

Descendants of Robert Bartlet and Mary Warren his wife, place another milestone today in the history of this Society. The Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Ermina Bartlett Suhanek, has given you the statistics of the Society as to numbers and membership, finances, etc. It is my province to endeavor to give a history of the work of the past year.

As ever, we owe to the untiring zeal, the steady purpose, and generous response of our President, Lucius W. Bartlett, most, if not all, of our success and progress. At the last regular meeting or reunion of the Society it was voted to raise the "dues" to the rate of \$1.00 per annum instead of the manifestly inadequate sum of fifty cents. This has been a wise step. The Society has this year called the reunion at another place than Plymouth, thus giving recognition to the central portion of the state. An insignia, embodying the Bartlet coat-of-arms, has been definitely adopted this year. It is beautiful in design; is modest in proportions, and is well worthy a place in the finest collection of insignia of patriotic and genealogical bodies.



INSIGNIA OF THE SOCIETY

The Society has become a part of the American Society of Colonial Families, thus adding to its usefulness and extending its influence. At two of the large banquets of the American Society of Colonial Families, held in Boston, the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass., was represented; the first one being on October, 1911, at Ford Building, Beacon Hill, where your Historian had the honor to deliver, by request, an address, and the other in April of 1912, at Park Street Church, Boston, when your President, Lucius Warren Bartlett, gave a paper on "The Origin and Progress of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass.," which was listened to with marked interest.

## NECROLOGY

Death has taken from our midst our First Vice-President, Mercer V. Tilson, of South Hanson, Mass., who passed from our midst on May 28, 1912. He was ever an earnest worker for the welfare of the Society, ably seconding the efforts of our President. One of the local papers published an interesting account of Mr. Tilson, as soldier, genealogist, and author. His "Tilson Genealogy" has been published since our reunion of last year, and was the result of much careful investigation, and is a book of value to genealogists. He was a member of the Old Bridgewater Historical Society. Mr. Tilson's funeral was held in the Congregational Church at South Hanson, June 2, 1912, where his favorite hymns, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," "Abide with Me," and that beautiful one, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," were sung by a quartette. We miss him from our midst and it is due his memory that we should today express our appreciation of him as a man and a valued officer of the Society.

Death has also taken a member of the Society this year. Mrs. Alice P. Burdick, a sister of our President, died January 4, 1912, at the home of her son, Mr. Edwin P. Burdick, in Millburn, N. J. Mrs. Burdick had been in failing health for a long time.

In closing this report, your Historian regrets that a long and severe illness prevents her attendance at the reunion of the "Society of Descendants of Robert Bartlet, of Plymouth, Mass.," and to wish every member of it Godspeed.

MARIAN LONGFELLOW, *Historian*.

## CALL FOR THE SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION

Notice is hereby given that the Sixth Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass., Inc., will be held in the vestry of the Porter Church, North Main Street, Brockton, Mass., on Saturday, August 16, 1913. The vestry will be open all day for the accommodation of those who attend. The Porter Church is about three minutes' walk from the railroad station. For those who want hotel accommodations would recommend the Fraser house, No. 148 Main Street; rooms 75 cents per day for single person, \$1.00 for two.

### PROGRAM

The morning will be devoted to becoming acquainted with the members of our family who are present. At 11.30 a. m. the meeting will come to order for the business session. At 1.30 p. m. there will be a recess for dinner, which will be served at the "Bon-Ton" restaurant, 24 West Elm Street. Price, 50 cents per plate. After the dinner there will be voluntary speaking and music from members and others for the remainder of the day.

Rev. George A. Smith, secretary of the American Society of Colonial Families has accepted an invitation to be present. The American Society of Colonial Families in which the Bartlet Society holds membership, publishes a magazine called "The Colonial," issued quarterly. Subscription price fifty cents per year. Each society has one page, each issue, for its exclusive use, and the descendants of such society are requested to send fifty cents to their secretary as a subscription and thereby keep in touch with what their own and other societies are doing.

The Historian is compiling a complete report of our Society's work from its organization in 1908. The meeting of August 16, 1913, will be included therein. It will be published in pamphlet form by the Society and sold to members and others at cost of publication, thus preserving, in permanent form, these valuable records for those who come after us. It is also proposed to place a certain number of copies of this report in the larger libraries. We earnestly request all members who would like a copy for self or friends to notify the Secretary to that effect.

The insignia of the society is a pin in white and black enamel and gold, a facsimile of which you will find on the corner of the envelope. Upon receipt of 75 cents by the secretary one of these pins will be mailed to you.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE BY-LAWS

ARTICLE II, *Section 1.* Membership: Any person by making application to the Secretary and proving to the satisfaction of the executive board that the applicant is a descendant of Robert (1) and Mary (Warren) Bartlet and paying a membership fee of \$1.00 may become a member of the Society.

ARTICLE II, *Sec. 2.* Associate Members: The officers or members of other societies of similar character and other interested persons upon application, paying the membership fee and being approved by the Executive Committee, may be enrolled as associate members, entitled to all the privileges of the Society except voting or holding office. The husband or wife of a descendant who is not in his or her own right a descendant of Robert of Plymouth, may be eligible as an associate member under this clause.

ARTICLE V, *Sec. 1.* The fiscal year of the Society shall be from January 1 to December 31, inclusive. Members who join the Society between October 1 and December 31 of any given year, and pay the membership fee, shall be considered as having paid their annual dues for the next succeeding fiscal year.

ARTICLE VI, *Sec. 1.* The dues which each member shall pay on joining the Society shall be \$1.00, and thereafter there shall be an annual fee of \$1.00, payable to the Treasurer on the first day of January each year.

MRS. ERMINA BARTLETT SUHANEK, *Secretary.*

LUCIUS WARREN BARTLETT, *President.*

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS OF WELCOME

### SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION

*Ladies and Gentlemen, Members and Friends of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet, of Plymouth, Mass:* It gives me great pleasure to again welcome you to this, our sixth reunion and fifth anniversary.

The persons bearing the name of Bartlett in this country are legion. Thomas Edward Bartlett in his book, published in 1892, gives on page 88 the names of twenty-three Bartlets, original settlers, who came to these New England colonies previous to 1700 (nearly all of whom are known to have had descendants), Robert of Plymouth being the first. Thomas Edward's book, and one other somewhat smaller, by Levi Bartlett of Warner, N. H., are the only genealogical books of the Bartlets that I am aware of and these contain only their own direct ancestral lines. Thomas Edward from John Bartlet of Weymouth and Cumberland, 1666, Levi Bartlett from Richard Bartlet of Newbury, 1635.

Of the Bartlett Societies I know of but one other, that of Robert Bartlet, of Hartford, Conn., 1640, said to have been of Cambridge, Mass. in 1632, removed to Northampton in 1665 and was killed there by the Indians in 1676. Octavius W. Bartlett, of Meriden, Conn., is Secretary.

In the short time to which I must confine my remarks, perhaps a brief account of how this Bartlet Society came into existence might be of interest. Soon after the close of the war of the Revolution, four families removed from this section of Massachusetts to Cummington, which at that time was nearly an unbroken forest. They were:

Peter Tower (5), 10 children, from Hingham; Edward Bartlett (5), 12 children, from Stoughton; Edmund Tilson (7), 13 children, from Halifax; Welcome Tilson (7), 5 children, from Halifax.

They settled on land adjoining each other. This colony of forty persons naturally intermarried more or less, as the result of which we have on our mailing list about four hundred living descendants of these four families.

Some time previous to the publication of the Tower Genealogy in 1891, a representative of Charlemagne Tower came to Cummington and stopped at the home of Luther B. Tower, a son of Stephen and Milly (Bartlett) Tower. He was there several weeks collecting data for the Tower Genealogy.

It was at that time I became interested to know who my Bartlett ancestors were. In the family Bible of Stephen

and Milly (Bartlett) Tower was this record: Benjamin Bartlet, died April 23, 1786, age 77; Hannah Bartlet, died December 17, 1799, age 86. Millie (Bartlett) Tower said these were her grandparents, father and mother of Edward Bartlett, who came from Stoughton. Beyond this record no one of the descendants there could give me any information. Time went on, and in 1905 a notice came into my hands from Mercer V. Tilson of South Hanson, that the Tilson Genealogy was ready for publication, and asking for subscriptions for the book.

My grandmother being a Tilson, I subscribed for a copy. It came to my mind then that Mr. Tilson would be just the person to trace my ancestral line in the eastern part of the state. Correspondence followed, and with this clue from the family Bible he found on the Plymouth records the marriage of Benjamin Bartlet and Hannah Stevens, April 8, 1737. They were born in Plymouth and the date of their birth corresponded with the age and date in this Bible record. The line from this Benjamin (4) to Robert (1) was easily traced. They had a son born in Plymouth May 7, 1739. From that date this family completely disappeared from the Plymouth records. Where did they go? When did they arrive in Stoughton? I went to South Hanson, and with Mr. Tilson we canvassed Stoughton and adjoining places to find some person who could locate the Bartlet place.

Isaac Bird of Stoughton married one of Edward Bartlet's daughters and one of his descendants said he would show me the old Bartlett place, for he had hunted throughout the neighborhood when a boy. He went with me and we found the three cellars, which were near together, where Benjamin Bartlet, Sr., and his two sons, Benjamin, Jr., and Edward lived. Mr. Tilson in searching the records for names of those who owned land adjoining the Bartlet place, found the name of Jeremiah Beal, who lived in North Parish of Bridgewater (now Brockton) on North Pearl Street. The clerk told him that a grandmother of Mr. Beal was living in Brockton (since deceased). He called on her and found that she had her grandfather's account book, where were recorded dealings with Benjamin and Hannah, his wife, and the sons Benjamin and Edward. It seems they were in Stoughton about 1760. Later I found in the *Mayflower Descendants Magazine*, April, 1910, vital statistics of Duxbury: Births, Benjamin Bartlet, son of Benjamin and Hannah, his wife, born August 17, 1741. Edward Bartlet, son of Benjamin and Hannah, his wife, born February 18, 1744, which shows that they removed from Plymouth to Stoughton by way of Duxbury. There is little more to tell.



In making this canvass in search of the Bartlett place, I met Mrs. Eugenie F. Lovell of Whitman, Mrs. Edith I. Cushing of Middleboro, our first Secretary, the Birds of Stoughton, the Packards of Brockton, and others, whose acquaintance I did not wish to summarily drop. Later I suggested to Mr. Tilson that he find a place in Brockton where I could invite them for a day, have a dinner and social visit together, not having the remotest idea of forming a Bartlett Family Association. Mr. Tilson suggested that I include any descendants of Robert Bartlett of Plymouth. I prepared a circular and mailed it to all Bartletts whose name and address I could obtain. In a room in the Y. M. C. A. building in the city of Brockton, on August 13, 1908, the meeting was held. Mr. Tilson, my very efficient colleague since 1905, was not aware all this time that he was in any manner a Bartlett descendant. In the fall of 1908 he discovered in the Duxbury records that through Ruth Bartlett (4), Benjamin (3), Benjamin (2), Robert (1), that he was, and had four *Mayflower* ancestors.

At this 1908 meeting the number in attendance and the interest manifested was such that it was decided to form an organization, which is now five years old, and as I look over this company gathered here today it seems to be quite a healthy, growing child. I hope it may attain to many years of life and usefulness.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

MRS. ERMINA B. SUHANEK

#### REPORT OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION OF THE BARTLETT SOCIETY

The Fifth Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Society of the Descendants of Robert (1) and Mary (Warren) Bartlett, of Plymouth, Mass., was held at Mountain Park, Mt. Tom, Holyoke, Mass., July 27, 1912.

The business meeting was called to order at 12 m. by the President, Lucius Warren Bartlett, of Hartford, Conn., and was opened with a song entitled, "Promised," by Miss Mary A. Hopkins, of Weymouth, Mass.

The President gave a hearty and cordial welcome to all present, followed by a short address. No literary program was planned for the occasion as it was desired to give the time to sociability and getting acquainted with our Bartlett family.

The President in his address made mention of the death of two members of our family during the year: Mrs. Alice

P. Burdick, of Hartford, Conn., who passed to the higher life January 4, 1912, and Mr. Mercer V. Tilson, of South Hanson, Mass., May 28, 1912, paying a beautiful and most fitting tribute to our late First Vice-President, Mr. Tilson. He also gave some very interesting facts and reminiscences of the descendants of Robert Bartlet (1) in relation to their connection with the Towers and Tilsons of Western Massachusetts.

The Secretary's report of the fourth annual reunion, held August 12, 1911, was read and accepted. The Treasurer's report for the year was read and accepted. In it mention was made of nine additional contributions toward the expense of the Memorial, viz:

Mrs. Sarah S. Bartlet . . . . .	\$2.00
Mrs. Hattie R. Bartlett . . . . .	1.00
Mr. W. Ellery Bird . . . . .	1.00
Mr. Charles H. Bartlett . . . . .	1.00
Mr. William H. Bartlett . . . . .	2.00
Miss L. Florence Bartlett . . . . .	1.00
Mrs. Edith Carman Hay . . . . .	1.00
Mr. Horace Bird . . . . .	.50
Total . . . . .	<hr/> \$9.50

Our Historian, Mrs. Marian Longfellow, being absent on account of illness, her interesting paper was read by your Secretary.

The following were then elected officers for the ensuing year:

*President*, Mr. Lucius Warren Bartlett, Hartford, Conn.

*First Vice-President*, Mr. Charles L. Bartlett, Dorchester, Mass.

*Second Vice-President*, Mr. John A. Bartlett, Brockton, Mass.

*Secretary and Treasurer*, Mrs. Ermina B. Suhanek, Holyoke, Mass.

*Historian*, Mrs. Marian Longfellow, Brookline, Mass.

Under the head of new business, suggestions were called for as to the time and place of the next reunion.

No further business being presented, at 1.15 the meeting adjourned for dinner.

Following the dinner a group picture was taken of those present at the meeting, some fifty or more in number, after which they separated for the mountain and other places of interest.

Your Secretary was ably assisted during the business session by Miss Alice M. Thrall, of Windsor, Conn., and by Mrs. Arthur L. Bartlett, of Springfield, Mass. There were on sale in the hall, photo-engravings of the Bartlet coat-of-

arms, executed by the Bartlett Engraving Co., of Springfield, Mass. There are more of them for sale, together with a short history of the coat-of-arms, price twenty-five cents.

Much credit and thanks are due the Mountain Park and Mt. Tom management, for their excellent dinner, free use of the hall for our gathering and most considerate and kindly attention throughout the day. It will be a long time before we find a more convenient and enjoyable place for our reunion. We only regretted that more of our members were not present to enjoy the day with us.

The President's address and the Historian's paper are appended to this report.

Respectfully submitted,  
ERMINA BARTLETT SUHANEK, *Secretary*.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM JULY 27, 1912 TO AUGUST 16, 1913

##### RECEIPTS

Dues for 1911	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$0.50	
" " 1912	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.00	
" " 1913	.	.	.	.	.	.	104.00	
" " 1914	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.00	
Total dues	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$107.50	\$107.50
For sale of sixty badge pins	.	.	.	.	.	.		45.00
For sale of cards at reunion	.	.	.	.	.	.		.40
Subscriptions to Colonial Magazine	.	.	.	.	.	.		11.50
Cash on hand at last report	.	.	.	.	.	.		3.38
Total Receipts	.	.	.	.	.	.		\$167.78

##### EXPENDITURES

Paid balance of deficit for 1911	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$11.00	
Janitor service at reunion, 1912	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.00	
Newspaper reports with cost of mailing	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.50	
Sixty badge pins with boxes for mailing	.	.	.	.	.	.	41.90	
Expressage on record books	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.25	
Traveling expenses of Historian from Boston to Holyoke and return	.	.	.	.	.	.	6.05	
Stationery and printing	.	.	.	.	.	.	37.44	
First and second issues of Colonial Magazine	.	.	.	.	.	.	9.50	
Total expenses	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$110.64	
Balance in Treasury	.	.	.	.	.	.	57.14	
								\$167.78

Respectfully submitted,

ERMINA B. SUHANEK, *Treasurer*.

NOTE. — Reports of the Treasurer have been made out from the date of one annual meeting to the next, although since the change in the By-Laws, the Fiscal Year for membership fees is the calendar year from January to January.

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1913

The work of the year has been mainly of correspondence, no small part of it in relation to ancestry falling to the lot of your President. We have kept no record of the number of letters or addressed envelopes mailed. The records necessary to be kept and letters compelling our attention being quite sufficient to consume all the spare time at our command.

In the month of December, 1912, the following call was issued:

HOLYOKE, MASS., December 13, 1912.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Board of the Robert Bartlet (1) Society, Inc., at the Committee Room of the Park Street Church, Boston, on Thursday, January 9, 1913, at 2.30 p. m. for the transaction of any business proper to come before the meeting.

Per order,

ERMINA B. SUHANEK, *Secretary*.  
L. W. BARTLETT, *President*.

Following is the report of the meeting:

Board meeting of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet (1) of Plymouth.

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth was held at the Park Street Church, Boston, at 2.30 p. m. on January 9, 1913, the President, Lucius Warren Bartlett in the chair.

In the unavoidable absence of the Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Ermina B. Suhanek, of Holyoke, Mass., the Historian, Mrs. Marian Longfellow, served as Secretary *pro tem*.

The first report was that of the Treasurer, and was as follows:

Receipts . . . . .	\$75.78
Disbursements . . . . .	60.24
Balance . . . . .	<u>\$15.54</u>

This report was accepted and filed.

The next order of business was the choice of time and place for the next annual reunion. It was moved by Mrs. Marian Longfellow, and seconded by Mr. Charles H. Bartlett, that the place be Brockton, Mass. This was done because Brockton was the scene of the first meeting at time of organization, and because a number of members resided in and about Brockton. The motion was unanimously carried.

It was moved by Mr. Charles H. Bartlett, and seconded by Mr. John A. Bartlett, that the time be Saturday, August 16, 1913. This was carried.

The President submitted a plan for printed matter relative to this reunion, and also relative to bills to be issued for dues to be sent out at an early date. Mrs. Marian Longfellow moved, and Mr. John A. Bartlett seconded the motion that the President be authorized to have such printing done. This was carried.

The President stated that all badges of the Society which he had had on hand had been sold to members, and it was moved by Mrs. Marian Longfellow and seconded by Mr. Charles H. Bartlett, that the President be authorized to purchase ten more pins to supply demands that might be made therefor. This was also carried.

The President submitted a proposition relative to printing and having ready for sale after the next annual reunion on August 16, 1913, a report that should cover the history of the Society's inception, August 13, 1908, down to, and including the annual meeting of 1913, should funds warrant the Society so doing. It was moved by the President, who resigned the chair for that purpose, that such report be printed, subject to the condition imposed. This motion was seconded by Mr. John A. Bartlett and carried. The President then resumed the chair.

The proposition submitted by the American Society of Colonial Families that a publication be printed for the uses and benefit of that Society and the affiliated families, was presented to the Board, and the offer of the American Society of Colonial Families to assign one hundred copies per year, at an annual cost to the Family Association of \$16.00, each family of the Association to have one page of said publication for its exclusive use, was accepted, Mr. John A. Bartlett making said motion, which was seconded by Mr. Charles H. Bartlett.

Mrs. Marian Longfellow was appointed as editor of such a page in the general publication.

There being no further business the Board adjourned and later took part in the reception and dinner of the American Society of Colonial Families.

MARIAN LONGFELLOW, *Secretary pro tem.*

We have on file one hundred and forty-five names, of persons who are, or have been members of the Bartlett Society, representing fourteen different states, viz.: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, California, Utah, Arizona, Florida, and Texas.

From this number of members, five have signified during the past year their desire for different reasons to give up their membership.

We have lost since organization five of our members by death, two during the past year, of whom your Historian will make mention.

We have gained seven new members during the year, and have beside ten associate members.

We are extremely pleased to be able to say that from a present membership of one hundred and fifty-five, one hundred and four have greatly encouraged and aided the work of the Society by promptly paying their dues.

The outlook for the Society is gratifying, and we bespeak for it a happy and prosperous future.

Respectfully submitted,  
ERMINA B. SUHANEK, *Secretary*.

In the absence of Mrs. Marian Longfellow, the Historian, her report was read by Mrs. Ermina D. Suhanek, the Secretary, and was as follows:

"Again I am obliged to send you my greetings instead of bearing them in person; but far from having lost my interest in this organization of which I have the honor to be Historian, I find that this Society, its objects, its work, and its bond of good fellowship, tightens its grip upon me as the days go on, and that while I have been compelled to give up some activities among the clubs, I cannot let my interest in this organization wane. Whether I continue to serve you in my present capacity or to work in the ranks, I shall ever give my best efforts for its purposes.

"The work of an historian must look backward and make record of the past. The future is unknown, but the past is written in indelible characters.

"What a nation, a state, an organization, or an individual does is forever done; no power, no desire may erase it from the annals of time. Therefore is the office one of responsibility and one to be carefully and thoughtfully entered upon, and faithfully carried out. To fail you even in one instance would be dishonorable. The work of your Society is growing rapidly; there is steady advancement and the Society has taken its place, and a place of no mean proportions, in that galaxy of 'The American Society of Colonial Families,' whose able Secretary, Rev. George A. Smith, is with you today. He is an optimist of the optimists, and his greeting to you today will be full of cheer and achievement.

"During the past year the membership of this Society has grown to 150. Your founder and President, Lucius Warren Bartlett, has given freely, as is his custom, of his time, strength, and watchful interest to the Society, which owes so much already to him. Your Secretary's long, faithful, and efficient service is well known to you, and Mrs. Ermina B. Suhanek needs no praise from me. 'Young blood,' the slogan of the times, is represented amply in your two Vice-Presidents, Charles W. Bartlett and John A. Bartlett, who may be trusted to put their shoulder to the wheel and get us out of dangerous 'ruts,' should we show an inclination to subside into such.

"You meet today in a bustling, typical New England city, a city of accomplishment. In this neighborhood, though far from realizing the dimensions to which it was to grow, came Bartlets of the old stock. It is to honor them, second only to the honor paid to their progenitor, that we have chosen this place for our pilgrimage, this year.

"On that great pilgrimage, in which their steps turned generations ago, have also entered the feet of some of our own beloved membership in this Society and on the scroll of that vast army have been inscribed the names of Mrs. Amanda B. Waterman of Kingston, Mass., who died in June, 1912, but the notice of whose death had not been sent in to our Secretary previous to the meeting at Mountain Park, Mt. Tom, in July of 1912.

"We have also to record the passing on of Mrs. Emily Bartlett, of Worthington, Mass., who was with you but one short year ago. Let us stand for a minute in silent memorial to those who have preceded us into the 'great beyond.'

"There is a higher light, a broader outlook granted to them, but for us all remains the opportunity to make our life now of real benefit to our kind.

"There is an old hymn beginning with these words:

"'God be with us till we meet again,' and it is with this wish that I subscribe myself as your Historian,

MARIAN LONGFELLOW."

An interesting report of the work of the past year was then read by Mrs. Suhanek and was followed by her report as Treasurer.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

There is a membership of one hundred and fifty, and a mailing list of six hundred persons who are connected with the Society by ties of blood.

Miss Isabelle M. Bartlett moved that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of sympathy to the Historian upon the death of her brother, Mr. William Pitt Preble Longfellow, of Cambridge, Mass. The motion was seconded by Miss Mary A. Hopkins, and was carried.

The re-election of the present officers was unanimous, and the vote of the Society was cast for the following:

*President*, Lucius Warren Bartlett, Windsor, Conn.

*First Vice-President*, Charles H. Bartlett, Dorchester, Mass.

*Second Vice-President*, John A. Bartlett, Brockton, Mass.

*Secretary and Treasurer*, Mrs. Ermina D. B. Suhanek, Holyoke, Mass.

*Historian*, Mrs. Marian Longfellow, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Suhanek showed the Bartlett coat-of-arms, and the President exhibited a mortar and pestle which Mrs. Sarah Achsah Bartlett of Plymouth had forwarded to the Society through him as a gift, in October, 1910, of Charles Holmes, whose ancestress, Betsey Bartlett, the wife of Amasa Holmes, was said to have brought over in the good ship *Ann* in 1623.

This mortar and pestle had been kept in the family all these years. It is a precious addition to the other relics in the possession of the Society.

The place of meeting of the next reunion is left to the selection of the Executive Board. Suggestions, however, were called for by the President in order to ascertain the preference of the members.

At 1.15 the meeting adjourned and the members were photographed in a group in the grounds of the Porter Church. Luncheon followed, the blessing being asked by the Rev. William P. Bartlett.

At 2.30 p. m. the afternoon session was called to order by the President. Social enjoyment was the order of this meeting. There were brief addresses by Rev. George A. Smith, Secretary of the American Society of Colonial Families, who has been an honored guest at several of the reunions, and who spoke in his usual forceful and interesting vein. Another speaker was Rev. William P. Bartlett whose remarks were listened to with interest.

The simple and straightforward manner and earnest words of the President met with the usual warm response from those present.

Miss Mary A. Hopkins of Weymouth, Mass., a regular and enthusiastic member of the Society, was the vocalist of the day, singing at the morning session the reunion song of this year, words by herself. It was entitled, "Again Do



We Greet You," and was sung to the air of "Fair Harvard," or, to be more exact, to that to which Tom Moore's words, "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms," is sung.

The exercises of the day came to a musical close by the singing, by Miss Hopkins, of the anthem of the "Old North" Chapter, D. A. R., the music being "America," and the words, "Flag of Our Native Land," by its Regent.

A general history of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlett of Plymouth, Inc., is being compiled by its Historian, and will be published in the near future by the Society. Copies may be purchased at cost upon application to the Secretary.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lucius W. Bartlett, of Windsor; Mrs. Ermina Bartlett Suhanek, of Holyoke; Mrs. Emma Bartlett Thrall, of Windsor; Miss Alice M. Thrall, of Windsor; Charles H. Bartlett, of Dorchester; Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Tillson, of Naperville, Ill.; Rev. William P. Bartlett of Canaan, N. H.; Miss Lucy E. Ayer, of Needham; Elisha Avery Tillson, of South Hanson; R. F. Tillson, of Fall River; Mrs. John M. Rice, of Waltham; Mrs. D. R. Puffer, of West Newton; John A. Bartlett; Miss Elizabeth D. Barclay, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Flora A. Williamson; H. A. Bird; Charles Wesley Tower, of Springfield; George Warren Tower, of Hingham; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bartlett, of Plymouth; Leroy C. Bartlett, of Marshfield; Mrs. Mary Bird Keith, of East Bridgewater; Mrs. Anna Johnson, of Dorchester; Miss Helen Bird, of East Bridgewater; Mr. and Mrs. David T. Burrill; Miss Mary A. Hopkins, of Weymouth; Herman Packard, Mrs. Susan M. Hopkins, of Weymouth; Mrs. E. J. Eager, of Milton; Henry Marshall Bird, of Stoughton; Mrs. Rebecca C. W. Boomer; Miss Mary F. Harlow, of North Easton; Miss Mary L. Bartlett, of Rancocas, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Bartlett of Springfield; Mrs. Mary M. Farry, of Dorchester; Miss Isabelle M. Bartlett; Mrs. Jessie Bartlett Sheibley, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. George A. Smith, of Boston; Paul W. Conant, of Dorchester; Miss Mary A. Stevens, of Lewiston, Me.; Harold E. E. Stevens, of Lewiston, Me.

## AGAIN DO WE GREET YOU UPON THIS GLAD DAY

*Sung at the Sixth Reunion of the "Society of Descendants of  
Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Massachusetts," Brockton,  
August 16, 1913*

Tune, "Fair Harvard."

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*Words by*

MISS MARY A. HOPKINS, OF WEYMOUTH, MASS.

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Again do we greet you upon this glad day,  
And renew our firm friendship once more;  
And welcome with pleasure fond memory's sway  
In the hearts that are now brimming o'er.

In the Home where our ancestors' story is told,  
Which we cherish with fondest delight,  
In hearts that are strengthened, and friendships enrolled,  
This Reunion now sheds its bright light !



HUS have the years glided by since the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth was launched, and the Society has grown in strength and in numbers as should be the case.

What it has accomplished so far is small in view of what its founder and charter members, and the general body hope it may attain. It has grown from the tiny acorn to the stately tree and bids fair to last.

The motto of the Bartlet coat-of-arms is *Mature* — in good time, and so we, not without justification, venture to hope and look forward to that “good time” when it shall have arrived at its perfection.

There remains now but to include the biographical sketches of its officers.

The Historian feels a most natural reluctance to include in a history compiled by herself, so very flattering a sketch as has been written about her; but she has been warned that her “superior officers” have so ruled and that her responsibility ceases when she becomes the subject of the sketch.

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EDITOR'S NOTE. — Concerning some repetition, it must be borne in mind that mention of the same facts have been necessarily made on several occasions.

This is also noticeable in giving the history of the Bartletts of America when different officers or ex-officers treat of the subject.

There is an old saying, “You cannot have too much of a good thing,” and however some of us may be inclined to endorse the statement, and some not, we fall back upon the leniency of our readers and trust to their mercy.

It has been said also that all poets are mad. I am quite of the opinion that many genealogists are so, or in a fair way of becoming so!

# BIOGRAPHY

No. 1

## LUCIUS WARREN BARTLETT, *President*

Lucius Warren Bartlett, the founder and President of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass., since its organization in August, 1908, was born in Cummington, Mass., April 3, 1841. Cummington was the home town of the poet William Cullen Bryant. Mr. Bartlett was the third child and only son in a family of eight children. His father dying when he was sixteen years old, his education was that which could be obtained in the public schools at that time. He carried on the small farm left by his father, taught school winters, until in April, 1867, at the age of twenty-six he went to Hartford, Conn., and entered the Bryant & Stratton Commercial School as a pupil; received his diploma in three months' time, being engaged to fill the position of Professor of Mathematics in the Bryant & Stratton Commercial School, and took up bookkeeping and work of expert accountant as a profession and Hartford has been his residence since, with the exception of ten years, 1872-1882, when he resided just across the Connecticut River, in East Hartford. He built a house in Windsor in 1912, six miles north of Hartford, where he now resides.

Mr. Bartlett's ancestors are as follows:

Robert Bartlet (1), Joseph (2), Benjamin (3), Benjamin (4), Edward (5), Ephraim (6), Ephraim T. (7), Lucius Warren Bartlett (8). His mother was Salome Tower, daughter of Warren and Rhoda (Tower) Tower. Warren and Rhoda were descendants in two separate Tower lines from John Tower (1) of Hingham, Mass., 1637, the original ancestor of the Tower Genealogical Society. On the paternal side his grandmother was Elizabeth Tillson (7), a direct descendant of Edmund Tillson (1) of Plymouth, 1638. Benjamin (4) removed from Plymouth to Duxbury about 1740, where Edward (5) was born. After 1750 Benjamin (4) and his sons Benjamin (5) and Edward (5) were in Stoughton, Mass. Their three houses were only a few rods apart and the cellars were plainly marked at this date. The farm was widely known as the Bartlett farm. The picture of the first annual outing at Brockton, Mass., August 13, 1908, was taken at this Bartlett farm. Edward Bartlett (5) removed with

his family of twelve children from Stoughton to Cummington, Mass., in 1795.

Peter Tower (5) removed from Hingham to Cummington near the close of the Revolutionary War. At this time his several children (ten) went there also. Stephen Tower (6), one of the ten, married Anna Bowker of Scituate, April 2, 1776. Stephen (6) and Anna (Bowker) Tower had thirteen children born in Hingham and Cummington. Rhoda Tower (7), mother of Salome was the thirteenth child. The Tillsons, Elizabeth (7), Edmund (7), and Welcome (7), children of Ephraim (6) and Fear (Waterman) Tilson, born in Halifax, Mass., were in Cummington, Mass., about 1810. Elizabeth Tilson (7) married Ephraim Bartlett (6) son of Edward (5), of Cummington, Mass., October 15, 1812. Edmund Tilson (7) married, November 7, 1807, Phebe Bartlett (6). She was sister of Ephraim (6). Edmund and Phebe had thirteen children. Welcome Tilson (7) married, August 27, 1820, Leah Tower. Leah Tower's mother was Rachel Bartlett (6), a sister of Ephraim (6). Welcome Tilson (7) purchased the Bryant farm in Cummington in 1834 of Austin Bryant, a son of Dr. Bryant, and brother of William Cullen Bryant. He sold the place to William Cullen Bryant in 1865, having resided there thirty-one years. The parents of Salome Tower died when she, the eldest child, was sixteen years of age. She went to live with Welcome and Leah (Tower) Tilson, and was married in the Bryant home, June 1, 1837, to Ephraim T. Bartlett (7).

These three families, Edward Bartlett (5), twelve children; Stephen Tower (6), thirteen children; Edmund Tilson (7), thirteen children, owned farms adjoining each other and their homes were less than a mile apart. Four of the children of Edward (5) married Towers, and two of them married Tilsons. From the foregoing four families, one Bartlett, one Tower, and two Tilsons, have descended about four hundred of the Bartlett descendants we have on our mailing list.

The father of Lucius Warren Bartlett was one of the original "free soil" men, voting in 1840, and who had become a Garrison Abolitionist as the term was known then. His farm sheltered the fugitive slave in more than one instance. He was also a leading member in the church which had a free platform.

Lucius Warren Bartlett was a teacher in the district schools of Hinsdale, Worthington, and other towns, beginning his work along these lines when but eighteen years of age. In 1860 he went to New York City and entered the employ of Cutter and Tower, stationers, remaining there one year; his health breaking down, however, he returned to

Cummington and carried on the farm until it was sold. Before he left New York he saw the steamer that had been sent to reinforce Fort Sumter, and saw the cannon ball mark in her side. He was also fortunate enough to hear Abraham Lincoln's great speech at Cooper Institute at that time.

A man of strong convictions, of which he has the courage, and a close follower of duty, he went in the spring of 1866 to Florence and then to Northampton, where he worked for Samuel L. Hill, who owned and operated the mills of the Nonotuck Silk Company. In 1867 Mr. Bartlett went to Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Bartlett has remained in Hartford, Conn., since 1867. He is now the factory manager of the Sterling Manufacturing Company.

In 1871 he married Mary Chalmers, of Scotch birth, at Thompsonville, Conn., and had six children by her, of whom five are living. His wife died in 1900, and in 1902 Mr. Bartlett married Mrs. Zilpha (Bartlett) Crozier, she being of Bartlett descent herself.

Always interested in politics, Lucius Warren Bartlett, in 1884, declared himself on the side of the Prohibition Ticket, and has been interested in the subject of prohibition ever since. He was the treasurer, and has been on the Executive Board of the State Council for several years. He joined the Putnam Phalanx and was its secretary, compiling its history in a very attractive form, and has been a captain in its veteran corps. He is "Past Grand" of the I. O. O. F. and a trustee in this organization for the past fifteen years.

Those of us who are privileged to know him as a private individual know his worth and the many acts of helpfulness and kindness which are a marked characteristic of his daily life.

He has been untiring and most generous in his work for this Society and has filled the position of President with wisdom and ability.

The line of Lucius Warren Bartlett is as follows:

- { Robert Bartlet (1)
- { Mary Warren
- { Joseph Bartlet (2)
- { Hannah Pope
- { Benjamin Bartlet (3)
- { Sarah Barnes
- { Benjamin Bartlet (4)
- { Hannah Stephens
- { Edward Bartlett (5)
- { Zilpah Cole
- { Ephraim Bartlett (6)
- { Elizabeth Tilson
- { Ephraim T. Bartlett (7)
- { Salome Tower
- { Lucius Warren Bartlett (8)



BRYANT HOUSE AT CUMMINGTON, MASS.

It is evident that this was a very attractive spot, and was dear  
to the heart of the poet, as is shown by his  
repurchasing it

Many years ago the poet Bryant presented Mrs. Salome (Tower), wife of Ephraim Tilson Bartlett, the mother of Lucius Warren Bartlett, with an autograph copy of his poem entitled "The Rivulet." It is a matter of deep concern, not only to her family, but to the Society, that so valuable a gift should have been lost in the passage of years.

### THE RIVULET

This little rill, that from the springs  
Of yonder grove its current brings,  
Plays on the slope awhile, and then  
Goes prattling into groves again,  
Oft to its warbling waters drew  
My little feet, when life was new.

When woods in early green were dressed,  
And from the chambers of the west  
The warm breezes, travelling out,  
Breathed the new scent of flowers about,  
My truant steps from home would stray,  
Upon its grassy side to play,  
List the brown thrasher's vernal hymn,  
And crop the violet on its brim,  
With blooming cheek and open brow,  
As young and gay, sweet rill, as thou.

And when the days of boyhood came,  
And I had grown in love with fame,  
Duly I sought thy banks, and tried  
My first rude numbers by thy side.  
Words cannot tell how bright and gay  
The scenes of life before me lay.  
Then glorious hopes, that now to speak  
Would bring the blood into my cheek,  
Passed o'er me; and I wrote, on high.  
A name I deemed should never die.

Years change thee not. Upon yon hill  
The tall, old maples, verdant still,  
Yet tell, in grandeur of decay,  
How swift the years have passed away,  
Since first, a child, and half afraid,  
I wandered in the forest shade.  
Thou, ever-joyous rivulet,  
Dost dimple, leap, and prattle yet;  
And sporting, with the sands that pave  
The windings of thy silvery wave,  
And dancing to thy own wild chime,  
Thou laughest at the lapse of time  
The same sweet sounds are in my ear  
My early childhood loved to hear;  
As pure thy limpid waters run;  
As bright they sparkle to the sun;  
As fresh and thick the bending ranks  
Of herbs that line thy oozy banks  
The violet there, in soft May dew,  
Comes up, as modest and as blue;  
As green amid thy current's stress,  
Floats the scarce-rooted watercress;  
And the brown ground-bird, in thy glen,  
Still chirps as merrily as then.

Thou changest not — but I am changed  
Since first thy pleasant banks I ranged;  
And the grave stranger, came to see  
The play-place of his infancy,  
Has scarce a single trace of him  
Who sported once upon thy brim.  
The visions of my youth are past  
Too bright, too beautiful to last,  
I've tried the world — it wears no more  
The coloring of romance it wore.  
Yet well has Nature kept the truth  
She promised in my earliest youth.  
The radiant beauty shed abroad  
On all the glorious works of God,  
Shows freshly, to my sobered eye,  
Each charm it wore in days gone by.



Yet a few years shall pass away,  
And I, all trembling, weak, and gray,  
Bowed to the earth, which waits to fold  
My ashes in the embracing mould,  
(If haply the dark will of Fate  
Indulge my life so long a date),  
May come for the last time to look  
Upon my childhood's favorite brook.  
Then dimly on my eye shall gleam  
The sparkle of thy dancing stream;  
And faintly on my ear shall fall  
Thy prattling current's merry call;  
Yet shalt thou flow, as glad and bright  
As when thou met'st my infant sight.

And I shall sleep — and on thy side,  
As ages after ages glide,  
Children their early sports shall try,  
And pass to hoary age and die,  
But thou, unchanged from year to year,  
Gayly shalt play, and glitter here;  
Amid young flowers and tender grass  
Thy endless infancy shall pass;  
And, singing down thy narrow glen,  
Shall mock the fading race of men.

CHARLES H. BARTLETT 1st V. P.

Mr. Bartlett was born in Boston, educated in the public schools of that city, and is a young man of pleasing personality and of an earnest devotion to the Society and all it represents.

He has been one of its workers since the early days, and his bright optimism is a potent factor in the questions that arise at times, as to the best method to be followed on some given point.

Where the Bartletts congregate one is sure to see Charles H. Bartlett, ever willing and helpful.

Mr. Bartlett's home is in Dorchester and his business is connected with the engineering department of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. While this is his occupation he is deeply interested in music, being a composer of song and other melodies. He is also an excellent pianist, and is generally chosen to act as chairman of the committees on music for the several reunions.

He fills his office to satisfaction and is not afflicted with that most troublesome of creatures, the "presidential bee," but stands ever ready to support the present incumbent.

Charles H. Bartlett's line of descent from Robert Bartlett and Mary Warren, his wife:

- } Robert Bartlett
- } Mary Warren
- } Joseph Bartlett
- } Hannah Pope
- } Robert Bartlett
- } Sarah Cook
- } Lemuel Bartlett
- } Mary Doty
- } William Bartlett
- } Mary Holmes
- } Clement Bartlett
- } Frances T. Whittemore
- } Henry L. Bartlett
- } Elvina F. Russell
- } Charles H. Bartlett

JOHN ALBERT BARTLETT, 2d V. P.

Young blood among the officers of this Society is represented by the two Vice-Presidents.

John Albert Bartlett is in his second year of office as second Vice-President.

He was born in Brockton, where he has lived always, and was educated in the public schools of that city. He was connected with one of the local newspapers and was at one time a clerk in one of Brockton's drug stores.

His present business is in automobile lines. He is a member of the Porter Congregational Church of Brockton, and is connected with a number of societies and clubs.

Mr. John A. Bartlett is always ready to act with the First Vice-President in work for the Society, and among the various clubs to which he belongs, the Society of Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass., stands very high in his regard.

He is ninth in descent from Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass., as follows:

John Albert Bartlett's line of descent from Robert Bartlet and Mary Warren, his wife:

- { Robert Bartlet
- { Mary Warren
- { Joseph Bartlet
- { Hannah Pope
- { Benjamin Bartlet
- { Sarah Barnes
- { Benjamin Bartlet
- { Hannah Stephens
- { Benjamin Bartlet
- { Susannah Hayden
- { Ebenezer Bartlett
- { Martha Manley
- { George Washington Bartlett
- { Harriet Newell Foster
- { John M. Bartlett
- { Martha E. McMillen
- { John Albert Bartlett

It is the policy of the Society to recognize the younger members of its family and to bestow office upon such, rather than to confine all the honors to its veterans.

We look for conspicuous service from these two young men, in years to come; meanwhile they are taking up the work of the Society and are showing commendable interest therein.

MRS. ERMINA (BARTLETT) SUHANEK  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Suhanek has filled the office of Secretary-Treasurer with satisfaction to the Society and has been untiring in her efforts for its welfare.

Like her brother, Lucius Warren Bartlett, she was born in Cumnington, Mass. She was but thirteen years of age when her father died, and at fifteen she began to teach in a summer school. In the spring of 1861 she went to Oneida Seminary for one year. In 1863 she taught school at Brookfield, and remained in that work for one year. In 1864 she entered the Westfield Normal School, from which she graduated in 1866. She taught at Hadley in that same year and followed the profession of teaching until 1889, when she married Joseph Suhanek, an Austrian by birth, but a naturalized citizen of the United States. In 1894 Mr. Suhanek died, and in 1907 his widow removed to Holyoke where she has since resided. It has been an exceedingly difficult matter to obtain data about the Secretary, because of her great modesty in speaking of herself.

It would be unfair to close this modest biography of a woman whose work has been so important to the Society, without adding a word as to her personal character.

Endowed with a peculiarly lovable nature, with a heart open to the needs of all with whom she comes in contact, a writer of very sweet verse and a well-read woman, Mrs. Suhanek goes on in her quiet way, filling a place in this world's economy that is far more important than that of many a more showy person.

Mrs. Suhanek is the author of a volume of original verse entitled "Songs of Friendship," 1913.

Mrs. Suhanek's line is:

- { Robert Bartlet (1)
- { Mary Warren
- { Joseph Bartlet (2)
- { Hannah Pope
- { Benjamin Bartlet (3)
- { Sarah Barnes
- { Benjamin Bartlet (4)
- { Hannah Stephens
- { Edward Bartlett (5)
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- { Ephraim Bartlett (6)
- { Elizabeth Tilson
- { Ephraim T. Bartlett (7)
- { Salome Tower
- { Ermina Bartlett (8)

## MRS. MARIAN LONGFELLOW, HISTORIAN

At the Fourth Annual Reunion of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlett (1) of Plymouth, Mass., our Historian gave us a history of the Society from its organization to that time, August 12, 1911. In that historical paper she included a brief account of the life of its President and other officers *not* including herself.

The life of our Historian has been one of such unusual activity in her special line of work that I gladly append to the record of the Society this brief account of it.

Marian Adèle Longfellow was born in Portland, Me., and is a niece of the poet Longfellow, whom we can also claim as a distinguished descendant of our own Robert Bartlett (1). Her father was Stephen Longfellow (5), elder brother of the poet Henry W. Longfellow. Her mother was Marianne Preble, daughter of Hon. William Pitt Preble, Judge of the Supreme Court of Maine and at one time Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of the Netherlands.

Marian Longfellow was educated in and near Boston. She spent sixteen years in Washington, D. C., when she was one of the press correspondents on the White House lists, during the administration of President Theodore Roosevelt. She founded the League of American Pen Women in 1897, an organization of newspaper women and authors. She is a charter member, being No. 203, of the National Society Daughters of The American Revolution; a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants; of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America; of the National Society of New England Women; President of the Daughters of Maine, and is a member of the "Founders Society" of the Massachusetts D. A. R.

Marian Longfellow founded the Old North Chapter of Boston D. A. R., November 25, 1911, and is its Regent. She is also a member of the Hereditary Orders of Americans of Armorial Ancestry and of the Descendants of Colonial Governors; a member of the Alden Kindred of America; Historian of the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlett (1) of Plymouth, Mass.; former chairman of the Board of Assistants of the American Society of Colonial Families; member of the National Geographical and of the National Genealogical Societies of Washington, D. C.

Marian Longfellow married first, William Francis Morris, May 7, 1876, by whom she had three children: William

Longfellow Morris, a lawyer in New York City; Madeline Preble Morris, now Mrs. Paul Scharf of Washington, D. C., and Henry Wadsworth Morris, of Nevada, who is interested in mining.

On December 15, 1891, she married second, Michael Francis O'Donoghue, a lawyer in the Patent Office Branch of the Government Service. There are no children by her second marriage.

At the time of the third annual reunion of the Bartlet Society, June 16, 1910, in Plymouth, Mass., she was invited to make the address, and chose for her subject "Our Pilgrim Ancestors and the Debt We Owe Them."

As an author, Marian Longfellow has written of the questions of the day, especially along lines of reform; she has published a volume of poems entitled "Contrasted Songs," and translated from the French and published "A Romance of the West Indies"; has translated other French works, and has written short stories for adults and children.

As a lecturer, she has a wide range of subjects, historical, literary, and otherwise, which have won for her much praise throughout New England, New York, and Washington, D. C. She has been of great service to the Bartlet Society during her membership and we hope to claim her for long years to come as our gifted and beloved Historian.

Sketches of her are to be found in the publication "Woman's Who's Who of America," by The American Commonwealth Company, and The National Encyclopedia of American Biography, published by James F. White Co., also of New York, besides other books and magazines.

ERMINA B. SUHANEK.

LINES OF DESCENT  
FROM ROBERT AND MARY (WARREN) BARTLET OF  
MRS. MARIAN LONGFELLOW  
*Historian*

1st line	2d line
{ Robert Bartlet	{ Robert Bartlet
{ Mary Warren	{ Mary Warren
{ Benjamin Bartlet	{ Joseph Bartlet
{ Sarah Brewster	{ Hannah Pope
{ Benjamin, Bartlet Jr.	{ Joseph Bartlet
{ Ruth Pabodie	{ Lydia Griswold
{ John Samson	{ Samuel Bartlet
{ Priscilla Bartlet	{ (Mrs.) Elizabeth (Lothrop) Wetherel
{ Peleg Wadsworth	{ Gen. Peleg Wadsworth
{ Lusannah Samson	{ Elizabeth Bartlett
{ Gen. Peleg Wadsworth	{ Stephen Longfellow
{ Elizabeth Bartlett	{ Zilpah Wadsworth
{ Stephen Longfellow	{ Stephen Longfellow
{ Zilpah Wadsworth	{ Marianne Preble
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## MERCER V. TILSON

LATE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY 1842—1912

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Mercer V. Tilson might well have been surnamed "the Honest," for if one quality dominated his other characteristics, honesty was that quality.

Honesty of word, thought, and deed, and no tampering with the truth. He was born October 19, 1837, in Pembroke, Mass., but in 1840 his parents removed to Kingston, Mass. In 1843 they again removed, this time to Hanover, Mass. His parents, like those of Abraham Lincoln and Louisa Alcott, appear to have moved from place to place, doubtless to better their condition. At fourteen years of age, the boy was apprenticed at the trade of shoe-making, but in 1854 was sent to learn the trade of iron-moulding. When President Lincoln called for troops April 16, 1861, Mercer Tilson, who was a member of Co. E., 4th Regt. of the State Militia, was one of the early men sent to Fortress Monroe, Va. He served faithfully through the Civil War, returning to his home in Massachusetts in January of 1866.

Mr. Tilson, carrying through life the inspiring thought of his Pilgrim ancestors, turned his attention to colonial history and genealogy. He was an earnest worker in these fields. He did notable work in both this Society and that of the Tower Genealogical Society, and gave freely of his time, strength and advice to the descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth. He took a special interest in the erection of the Boulder at Manomet. His enduring memorial is his book, "The Tilson Genealogy," upon which work he devoted many years, and of which mention is made earlier in this report.

His later days were spent at South Hanson, Mass., and he leaves behind him a record of duties well performed and the grateful recognition of his merit on the part of his associates.



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## **In Memoriam**

In all times and among all nations its dead have been enshrined and preserved from forgetfulness.

The Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet of Plymouth, Mass., holds in loving remembrance and places upon its memorial page the following members:

Mrs. Vesta Bartlett Tower, May 11, 1910.  
Mrs. Alice Bartlett Burdick, January 4, 1912.  
Mercer V. Tilson, Vice-President of the Society, May 29, 1912.  
Mrs. Amanda B. Waterman, June 10, 1912.  
Mrs. Emily Bartlett, March 20, 1913.

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An invitation to attend the Panama-Pacific Universal Exposition at San Francisco, in 1915, has been extended to the Society of the Descendants of Robert Bartlet, as follows:

The President and Directors of the Panama-Pacific Universal Exposition to be held in San Francisco in 1915 have the honor to extend to the Bartlett Family a cordial invitation to hold its 1915 meeting in San Francisco.

The city has been selected by Congress with the approval of the President of the United States, as the official site for celebrating the uniting of the waters of the Pacific and the Atlantic through the Panama Canal, the greatest physical accomplishment achieved by man. The Exposition will not only attempt to show that which is most advanced in invention, most interesting in Art, and of greatest scientific value, embracing all that is most important in the material progress of the world, but it will be the aim of the Directors to make this rank in intellectual interest above all previous Expositions; to bring together so much of Wisdom, so much of Practical, Scientific Thought and so much of Broad Grasp of the World's important Problems, that the progress of mankind shall be advanced a quarter of a century.

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